ATKINSON'S EVENING POST,
AND PHILADELPHIA SATURDAY NEWS.

Vol. XVIII. | **Philadelphia, September 14, 1839.** | **Whole No. 946.**

Written for the Evening Post and Saturday News.

LINES TO MISS C — Y ——.

I saw thee, when spring's budding flowers,
Had shed their perfume far,
To glad me in my lonely hours,
As much misfortunes jar
It shouted so long my weary form,
When friends had ceased to be,
Who withered 'neath the winter storm,
Thou wert unknown to me.

I saw thee when the summer sun,
Had passed the noontide hour,
As thou wert bounding on the green,
To seek thy favorite bower;
To pass the hours in mirth and song,
In dreams of future bliss,
Whilst gaily pass the hours along,
Unclouded by cares like thus.

I know thee now, and o'er my life,
Hope's richest sunshine flings,
The passing hours with rapture rife
On pleasure's gleam wings!
And ne'er shall sorrow cloud my brow,
While thou art known to me,
My years shall pass as smooth as now,
When she I think of the.

Philadelphia, Sept. 1839. J. S. C.

HOME REVISITED.

BY THOMAS MILLER, BASKET MAKER.

"Home Revisited" is a trite theme, and has been illustrated by many a sweet and pleasing pen—never so happily as now.

"The commonest objects," observes the writer, "become endeared to us by absence; things which we before scarcely designed to notice are then found to possess strange charms, bringing to the memory many a forgotten incident, and to the heart many an old emotion, to which they had been dormant for years. Never did these thoughts and feelings come upon me more strongly than when, a few months ago, I left London to visit my native home—to place my feet upon the very hearth-stone by which I had sat when a boy. Time was no affected feeling, no imaginary delight, but a mad, wild eagerness to look upon the old woods and green hills which had been familiar to me from childhood, and to which my mind had so often sailed on the dreamy wings of pleasure, asleep or awake, just as fancy wandered. The old house was still the same, and every thing it contained seemed to stand in the very position that they occupied twenty years ago. There was no change, saving that they appeared to look older—somehow more venerable; but the alteration was more in myself than the objects I looked upon. I gazed upon the old clock, and fancied that the ancient monitor had undergone a great change since my boyish days; it seemed to have lost that sharp, clear cackling with which it had greeted mine ears when a child; and when it told the hour, it spoke in a more solemn tone than that of former years. I looked upon the brass figures which ornament the old clock-face, until fancy began to trace a resemblance between myself and them. In former days they looked bright and gladsome; they seemed not to bend under the logs had they supported; but now they have a care-worn look about them, and what they seemed to bear once with a playful grace, now hangs upon them like a burden. Their brows, too, seemed heavy, as if they had passed away long years in painful thought. The gilt hands, which decorate the tall case, were furbished; the glass through which my mother had so often conjectured them, were gone; the light that played around them in other days was dimmed; the sunshine rested upon them no longer; the shadow of the pendulum slipping at intervals, as if they could not keep pace with time; they seemed weary with long watching; they could no longer keep a firm foot-hold down the steep hill which they had traversed so many a long day; and their sunken faces looked pale, with age, and which were bright when they pointed out my hours of pleasure. They no longer told the time when my play-fellows used to call upon me to wander into the green fields; they warned me that it was nearly the hour for the delivery of letters, and I became anxious to hear from those whom I had left merely two hundred miles behind me;—another scene and circumstance came before me. I called Memory a coward for thus reverting to the past. I summoned him before me, and he stood up in my own likeness—a boy who had seen but twelve summers. I looked upon him, and saw that he was unworthy of the notice of Care; that Sorrow disdained to buckle her load upon his back, but gave him his own thoughts for play-things to amuse himself with, until he could learn the pleasant game of life. I saw why the tempest passed over him harmlessly, for, like a lowly plant, he had no bulk to oppose to its might; and had only, after long years, become a mark for the storm, with bole and branches strong enough to resist a second blast. "The finger of Care, forsooth," exclaimed I, "guileless all things aright." My eye fell upon the old mirror into which I had looked twenty years ago—on which I had gazed in wonder, and marvelled how another face and another room could stand within the compass of so small a frame. It gave me neither flattery or welcome, but gravely threw me back, seated by the same hearth which I had so often crawled over with the building figures of men and monsters, when a boy. We con-rusted each other with a familiar boldness, as if proud that we had stood the wear and-tear of time so well. We looked seriously, but not sadness, upon each other. The image in the mirror seemed as if it would have accosted me, and had much to utter; but its lips became compressed, as if it scorned to murmur. It gave back another form for a moment; a lovely maiden stood arranging her ringlets before it; but that was only fancy, for I remembered she had long been dead. The very crack which I had made along the looking glass, when a boy, with my ball, seemed like a landmark dividing the past from the present. I could have moralised for hours on that old mirror. On the wall hung the large slate, on which I ventured to write my first couplet.—What! thought I, the slate-pencil operated; my ragged jacket-cuff was the willing critic that passed lightly over my transgressions, and shone all the brighter after the deed. I knew not that such men as authors lived; every book was taken up without a suspicion of its lacking truth; and, strange as they might seem, I felt proud in the wisdom I gathered from their pages. I could point out to my playmates the green rings which the farmer had made on the grass; tell them the very colors which the ethereal wore, or show them a valley which resembled that wherein Sinbad gathered his diamonds.—Ignorance was then bliss indeed!"

"Then there was that old tea-board with the stately lady in a garden on the centre, herself overtopping every tree. But that tray was only used on rare occasions—real 'white-cake days,' when some cousin or aunt came to tea; and the needed china was handed carefully from the corner-cupboard, and the blue glass sugar-basin, which I hoped some day to see broken, that I might have the bits to spy through. The old white table was still in the same place, and its long drawer seemed at last to have found rest; tops, marbles, and fishing tackle, which it was opened a score of times a-day to rummage for, were all gone; there is no danger now of running fish hooks into their fingers when they open it. 'Robinson Crusoe,' and 'Robin Hood's Garland,' are gone. That old drawer was a true index to my mind in those days; they who looked therein might discover the true taste of its occupier. Old and worm-eaten as it may now seem, it has contained the greatest literary treasures—the works of Shakspeare and Milton. How little it took to make me happy in those days! A dry crust from the large bread-crock, which yet stands under the old table; Shakspeare, or a volume of Scott's immortal novels; a day of sunshine, and that a holiday, and I had but to traverse a single street, enter Foxby Lane, and bury myself in the woods, to reach my own heaven. No pride—no object—no ambition; poverty was never felt, and therefore unknown; so long as the bread-crock furnished the crust, all was pleasure, for the clear sense of Want was never dry. Ariel passed and ninety-[illegible] his than mine under 'the blossom-per coat, per annum.'"

[illegible] Gun Powder Accident.—The Cherry [illegible] Gazette says:—We learn that a young [illegible] by the name of Peter Sommers, Jr. of [illegible] Decatur, while in a blacksmith shop, a [illegible] from the iron hit him on his pantaloons, [illegible], where he had deposited half a pound of [illegible] powder, burst through two or three thicknesses of cloth, then reached the powder, which [illegible] ignited. The young man is most shockingly [illegible], but some hopes are yet entertained of [illegible]covery.

[illegible] last week.—The number of deaths in [illegible] last week was 167. Of these 33 were [illegible] 30 women, 30 boys and 54 girls. Of the [illegible] 39 died of consumption; 24 of [illegible] inflammation; 6 of diarrhœa; 6 of dysentery, [illegible] of scarlet fever.

first heard the solemn tapping of the woodpecker, measuring the intervals of silence, and saw the blue-winged jay, as she went screaming through the deep umbrage, startled by the harsh sounding of the woodman's stroke. Sometimes the gray rabbit stole noiselessly as a spirit past me through the long grass, or the ruddy squirrel caught my eye as he bounded from branch to branch. There the melancholy ring dove struck up her mournful note, and was answered by the cuckoo, as she stood singing on the tall ash that caught the sunshine by the side of the forest.—Then up flew the lark, carrying his 'firm firm' heaven-ward, until he was lost amid the silver of the floating clouds, and the wide azure of the sky rained down melody. Sometimes a bell came sounding solemnly over the distant river, (glimpses of which might be seen here and there through the trees) until the deep echo was broken by the dreary cawing of the rook, or the howling of some bitter that had lost herself in the wood. Anon the shrill chirping of the 'grasshopper' fell upon the ear, or the tinkling of sheep-bells, mingled with the bleating of lambs from the neighboring valleys; or up sprung the pheasant with a loud 'whirr,' the sunshine gilding his gaudy plumage as he divided the transparent green of the underwood in his hasty flight. Sometimes the rain fell pattering from leaf to leaf with a pleasing sound, or the wind arose from its slumber, rustling the tree at first, as if to awaken the silence of the forest, and bid the gnarled oaks to gird up their huge limbs for the battle. Nor was it from the deep woodlands alone that all these sweet sounds floated; hill and valley, and outstretched plain, sent forth their melodies until the very air became filled with dulcet sounds, made up of all strange harmonies. The plough-boy's whistle and the milk-maid's song mingled with the voices of children in the green lanes, or the shouts of laborers in the fields, as they called to each other. Then came the rumbling of large wains, and the jingling of harness, mixed with the measured tramp of some horseman as he descended the hill.—The bird-boy swung his rattle amid the rustling corn, or the mower ceased his loud 'rasp, rasp,' and leant upon his scythe to wipe his brow, or listen to the report of some gun that sent its rolling echoes through the valley. Sometimes the baying of a dog, or the clap of a far-off gate, was mingled with the sound of the hunter's horn, or the crowing of cocks, as they answered each other from the distant grange. The shrill plover wheeled above the wild marshes with its loud screams, while the bittern boomed in hollow concert from the rank sedge. When the village was neared, the humming of human voices came louder upon the ear, or the sounding of the thresher's flail was broken at intervals by the tickling of the blacksmith, until all was lost amid the gabble and defeaning clamor of some neighboring farm yard. Many of these old familiar sounds fell pleasantly on mine ear when I revisited home; some of them coming up in me like departed voices, which, although not forgotten, make the hearer start when he finds them so near at hand. They reminded me of scenes gone by—of companions who are now dead—of happy hours that can never return; they came full of foolish regrets and

"Silly truths,
That daily with the innocence of love
Like the olden age."

Then up rose a thousand mute objects in the landscape, which had haunted me when far away, by unconsciously shaping themselves into the imagery of thought, and offering their colorings over my pages. They had imprinted their forms upon the mind years ago, and ever stood present to view when Fancy turned her eye homeward. And many a time, amid the storm and darkness of war, and in the silent watches of the night, had those scenes presented themselves, lighted by as sweet a sunshine as slumbered there when I looked upon them.—The old mill still stood with its huge sails resting upon the sky boldly and darkly, as when I watched the moon rising between them, and fancied her some monster with outstretched wings, newly alighted from the clouds. The distant hills n. heaved their green heads, bright and beautiful, as they had done twenty years ago, when I wondered what new world outstretched beyond them. The deep water rolled as rapidly under the dark arches of the old bridge as when I launched my paper boats upon the eddies, and stepped across to see them float through in the sunshine, and, when any of them were wrecked, sat down to draw sad comparisons between their fate and the voyage of life.

What clusters of rustic imagery!—what pictures of sylvan scenery!—what animation in every part!—what poetry in the whole! How strong and heartfelt the love of home! and how well it is instanced in the following exposition:

"I have at times tried to imagine the feelings of a man who is about to emigrate, fully convinced that he never again will look upon his native hand. To my mind, it brings thoughts allied to death. I could fancy that I was going away to die—going to live somewhere until Death came—in some huge prison, with a jail-like sky above it, and an area that might stretch hundreds of miles with a wide sea around it, on the margin of which I should wander alone, sighing away my soul in wishes to regain my native land. Every thing would be strange to me; the landscape would call up no recollections; I should not have even a tree to call my friend, nor a flower which I could say was my own. Ah! after all, it is something to look upon the church-yard where those that we loved are at rest; to gaze upon their graves, and think over what we have gone through with them, and what we would now undergo to recall them from the dead. Reader, pardon these childish thoughts; they forced themselves into my mind, and I have recorded them; they seem to awaken my memory anew, and strip me of a score of years; they have a foolish hold of my affections. But surely it is a worthy passion to cherish; there seems something holy about the past; it is freed from all selfishness; we love it for its own sake; we sigh for it, because it can never again be recalled; even as a fond mother broods over the memory of some darling child that is dead, as if she had but then discovered how much her heart loved it."

WESTERN POETICAL PORTRAITS.

BY E. W. MATTHEWS.

PATRICK.

A solar eagle whose broad plumes
Amid the eternal thunders play,
Whose path the lightning's flash illumes,
In the proud emblem of thy lay.

GALLAGHER.

A column round whose capital
The shouted lightning twines in wreath
In many a fold majestical,
While echoing thunders roar beneath.

CURRY.

Wandrous, mysterious and dim
Doth rise the music of thy strain,
Like the faint sound of choral hymn
From out some old and lonely fane.

FLAGG.

Thy emblem is the calm, blue river
With bud and bloom-starred flow'r besprent,
That shoots aloft its hymn, and ever
Glasseth the glow of th' firmament.

WALLACE.

A cloud rolled up the glittering steeps
Of the far shore, from which the chorus
Of hidden tempest-harps aye sweeps
Down on the winds, in notes sublime.

JONES.

Oh! dark and fearful is thy theme!
The midnight storm—the outlaw's cave—
The murder'd maiden's dying scream
Blent with the dashing of the wave.

AMELIA.

And thou art like a lark with wings
Bathed in the golden dew of morn,
Whose sweet and thrilling anthem rings
Through heav'n, of unseen glories born.

VIOLA.

Thy fingers touch the wizard lyre,
While sally to my bidding come,
Breathing low music from the wire,
Fond visions of the childhood's home.

MORAIS.

[illegible] of one of the [illegible] by an immense colle[illegible] H. L. Turnbull, Sames [illegible] dying tal[illegible]er, and Matthew Medley.

Caution.—On Thursday night last, as [illegible] Louis Republican, of the 3d inst. a German wo[illegible] man, named Webber, attempted to expel the murquitoes from her bed room. Having lighted some combustible substance to make a smoke ing pile from a canister containing seven pounds, when the whole exploded, injuring her so that she died on the Saturday following.

Flour was selling at Detroit on the 13th at five dollars.

THE HAPPIEST TIME IS NOW.

Talk not to me of future bliss!
Talk not to me of joys gone by!
For us, the happiest hour is this,
When Love bids time to fly.
The future—doubt may overcast,
To shadow Hope's young brow;
Oblivion's veil may shroud the past;
The happiest time is now!

Though flowers, in spicy vases thrown,
Some odor yet exhale,
Their fragrance, are the bloom was flown
Breathed sweeter on the gale—
Like faded flowers, each parted bliss
Let memory keep—but how
Can joy that's past be like to this?
The happiest time is now!

Unmarked our course before us lies
O'er time's eternal tide;
And soon the sparkling ripple dies
We care, as on we glide:
Our barks the brightest bubbles fling
For ever from their prow;
Then let us gaily sail and sing
"The happiest time is now!"

MY OWN PECULIAR:

Or Stray Leaves from the Portfolio of a Georgia Lawyer.

It has always been my favorite theory, or monomania, if the reader will have it so, that there are two distinct kinds of *man*, viz: the *animal* and the *vegetable*. By the first kind, I mean those who have hearts, feelings, impulses, affections; who do not only breathe, through life, but who leave behind them a name, either for good or evil, as the devil or angel may have preponderated within them. By the vegetable species, I intend to designate the class, which, having the visible appearance of man, yet lack the inward attributes that belong to him who is made after the likeness of God; those that cumber, but pass through life, if life it be, without having performed one single good or bad action; which have no more virtue than a cabbage, nor vice than a thistle; whose epitaph, if any one would waste time enough to write it, could be written in four words: "He lived—and died."

This is not the first time I have advanced this doctrine, and it shall not be the last. I am not discussing it in a religious point of view. I have too much heart-felt reverence for the principles of my holy faith, to approach with levity its altars. I am alluding to it now in a physical or lawyer-like point of view; and I challenge any one (of the animal kind) to deny the truth of my description. Why, gentle reader, have you not in your mind's eye, at this moment, one of the vegetable species? Tax your memory. Don't you know any one of your acquaintance whose whole career has been unmarked by a single deed of energetic action; whose existence, half as great as that which the blind mole possesses, and whose very walk puts you in mind of a weed endowed with the powers of locomotion? Have ye? If you believe ye have; and I will give you, *en passant*, an example.

Two friends, and brother lawyers of mine, were travelling, some years since, on the "circuit." Their route led them across the sandy hills that form the northern boundary of old Alatamaha, one of the noble rivers of our beautiful state. These hills, or ridges, however, are as barren and desolate as Arabia Petræa. You might plant a Yankee there, and he would grow! Perhaps, after this assertion, it would be "surplusage" to say, that no effort of industry or ingenuity could coax a blade of grass to rear its head above the sterile soil. It was a rainy, gloomy night, and after having spent the day without encountering any signs of human life, their hearts were cheered by the sight of the "smoke that so gracefully curled," and they knew forthwith, "that a cottage were near." And sure enough, there it was, a clumsy, ill-shaped log hut, with interstices, or, to speak more classically, "chinks," wide enough to throw a sizable bear through.

They immediately entered. A fire of pine-wood, or "light wood," as it is technically called, blazed in the clay chimney. In one corner of the fire-place, were huddled a baker's dozen of "yellow complected" children, half of them female, with long, uncombed tresses, or bunches of coarse red hair, was seated upon the floor; while in front of the fire, and occupying the only stool in the hovel, sat the "lord of the manor," observing under the malign influence of a tertian ague.

"Good morning, my friend," said one of the visitors, who is celebrated for his politeness and urbanity.

"Morning!" was the laconic and echo-like reply. (I believe that is an incorrect expression. Echo, like a woman, always gives the *last* word.)

"Fine situation you have here," resumed my brother attorney.

"Fine h—ll!" responded the host: "what's it fine for?

"Why, I should suppose you would have good sport here, in hunting."

"Then you'd suppose a d——n lie! You can't hunt 'coping you got something to hunt at, has you?"

"No; that's a very clear case; I thought, however, that so near the river, there would be plenty of deer. Still, if it is not a good hunting ground, it is a fine place for raising cattle."

"It is, is it? S'poses the cattle gets in the swamps, and the alligators and river rats, and the cu'sed fools don't get out of the way, but get drowned? How you gwine to raise 'em then eh?"

"That certainly is very bad," continued my indefatigable friend; "but there is one comfort left to you. If you have not the richest soil, nor the best hunting ground, nor the greatest pasturage, you have what is better than the mountains of Andalusia, or the Italian Alps in the temple of Fame: you have health."

"The h—ll I have stranger? Do you see them yaller complected critters in the corner there? Them's got health, an't they? The old woman there has got it, I s'pose? Ain't she a fine specimen? Why, I can't stir without my bones goes into a jelly? You call that *health*, don't you?"

"Look here, my friend, exclaimed my brother chip," answer me this question, and I won't ask you another. If you cannot get any thing to grow here, and nothing to hunt; if all your cattle drown, and your family are all the whole sack, why in the name of common sense, do you not up sticks, and off? Why do you stay here?"

"Oh, 'cause the light wood knots are so 'mazin' handy!"

Gentle reader!—look me steadily in the face. Upon your honor, as a gentleman, (or lady,) do you believe that was an animal? Do you think that a real genuine man, or brute, would have remained for a whole life, under these circumstances; in such a place? No you don't. Now, that is what I call a man of the *vegetable* species. I can't tell whether a vegetable thinks, or not; but if it does, I will bet my spectacles against the prettiest lady's eyes in the country, that that man's idea of heaven was, that it consisted of a large pine barren, where the light wood knots where "mazin' handy," and where he could shiver the whole day with "cu'sed ague," over a fire of the aforesaid light wood knots, kept in perpetual flame by the "ministering angels of the place." The only thing that makes me doubt the propriety of the illustration I have set before you, to prove the truth of my theory, is, that this man had energy enough to curse.

I know that you are getting tired of my nonsense; but as I don't often trouble you, and as you can skip as much as you please, let me give you another example, furnished to me by the same friend. A few miles farther on, they came to a hovel of the same description; the same light wood fire and "open work" building. The rain was pouring in torrents through the roof, and the floor was overflowed. The only dry spots were near the bed and the fire-place. On the first, which was huddled up as a refuge from the fast falling flood, (give that beautiful specimen of alliteration to some of your poetical contributors, Mr. Editor,) forming a kind of mimic Ararat, were congregated the usual adjuncts, even of vegetable life; that is the "old woman, and the yaller complected children." In the fire-place, with his feet down up a la Turk, on the backless chair, sat the master of the dwelling, playing a fiddle.

"He gave them no greeting, he asked them no word;
or, in plain prose, he took not the slightest notice of the intruders, although, in all probability he had not seen a human being for a year; but there he sat, and played; and played one of those tunes, moreover, that have no beginning, no middle, no end.

[illegible] friends waded up to the fire-place. They require more war[illegible] One of them has a German three years where smoking [illegible] scene had a manifest effave cost to keep her at sea [illegible] was raging without. *Brunswick Adv.*

The number of deaths at Mobile [illegible] three days previous to the 31 inst. had [illegible] increased.

itself, while in the bright glare of the blazing fire, the man plaid his everlasting tune, without a moment's relaxation. My friend's feelings became affected. It seemed to him a supernatural scene. He began to repent him of some of his quids and quodsets. The feeling was infectious, and the other visitor caught it. And there they stood spell-bound by the notes of that fiddle, which, without pause, or changes or variations, kept on "the even tenor of its way."

At last, one of them shook off the spell, and thus addressed the pine woods Paganini:

"Why don't you stop that cursed fiddle? Why don't you stop the leaks in your roof?"

"You wouldn't have me get out in the rain, would you?" answered the host, still playing the "cursed fiddle."

"No; but why don't you stop them when it don't rain?"

"Oh, *they don't leak then!*" responded the Orpheus of the Alatamaha, continuing the tune.

Out rushed my friends, leaving matters in state quo; but the ash some years have slap ed, one of them, in narrating to me the circumstance a few days ago, added, as his firm conviction, that "that man, to this very hour, is playing that eternal tune!" I purpose going that way, on my next circuit, and I will give you the result of my inquiries and observations, in a future number.—*Knickerbocker.*

THE POOR MAN'S SONG.

FROM UHLAND.

A poor man, poorer none, am I,
And walk the world alone—
Yet do I roll a spirit free
And cheerful heart my own.

A gloomy child I played about
My dear, dear parents' hearth.—
But grief has fallen upon my path
Since they are laid in earth.

I see rich gardens round me bloom;
I see the golden grain:
My path is bare and barren all,
And trod with toil and pain.

And yet, though sick at heart, I'll stand
Where happy faces throng,
And wish good-morrow heartily
To all that pass along.

A boundless God! Thou leav'st me not
To comfortless despair:
There comes a gentle balm from heaven
For every child of care.

Still in each dell thy mercy flows
Points meekly to the sky—
The organ and the choral song
Arrest each passer by.

Still shine the sun, the moon, the stars,
With blessings even on me,
And, when the evening bell rings out,
Then, Lord, I speak with thee.

One day shall to the good disclose
Thy halls of joy and rest,
Then in my wedding robes even I
Shall seat me as thy guest!

From Tait's Edinburg Magazine.

PEDESTRIAN TOUR OF A SCOTTISH EMIGRANT IN THE MIDDLE STATES OF AMERICA.

I began to get a little superstitious, and some rude! I thought feelings of fear came creeping over me. If it had not been for the church before the door, I could easily have imagined—if I had been in the midst of a German forest I certainly could have imagined that good farmer had built a house expressly for my accommodation for the night; but to that notion the church was an insuperable objection. However, after waiting and waiting for the arrival of some one, that never came, I concluded it was taking a smoke; so prepared accordingly; finished it, rested a while, and, for lack of something to do, tried it pipe again. Having knocked the ashes out of my meerschaum pipe, I had some thoughts of lying down before the fire and taking a nap, since I had all the house to myself, when I was startled by the opening of a door, and the entrance of a little woman, middle aged, plainly but decently dressed, and by no means ill-looking. I addressed her without leaving my seat; upon which she shook her head, as much as to say—"I don't understand English." With the design of trying to make out that head was made of, I held out my cap; my plaid, making her to understand I had no tobacco, and wished her to help me to some. She immediately went to a cupboard—brought out a bag full of "cut and dry" tobacco, and handed it to me, as I will do, thinks I—I'm safe—here I stay for the night; but that I would have done anyhow, unless I had been put out by sheer violence. After performing this act of kindness, the woman left me to have a very lonely sup and dropsical appearance. Although covered with one of those beautiful counterpanes so common in Virginia, yet, to my mind, it had something very suspicious-looking about it; for I must confess, notwithstanding I had been treated with much kindness since I came in contact with these good people, my mind was not altogether easy. I had read and heard of too many murderous stories connected with circumstances precisely like those in which I now was, not to have all my eyes about me; in fact, the people's kindness began now to militate against them. I accordingly approached the bed, and turned down the coverlet, which proved to be a blanket, no sheets, nothing but the bare bed. I wondered not a little at this, and thought that so many young ladies might have spared me at least one blanket among them; but, while standing wondering at the want of the blankets, and still more at the strange, puffy look of the bed, my eyes rested upon something white near the head, but away down about a foot below the surface of the bed. I examined it; it looked exactly like a piece of a sheet. Strange—and in following up my discovery, I tumbled down the bed, when, lo! and behold, pillows and sheets as white as the driven snow presented themselves to my astonished sight. The most horrible suspicions took possession of my soul. O God! I exclaimed in an agony, they are going to smother me while asleep! I ran to the door; it was locked on the outside; and I recollected that, on coming through the entire room, a bed was plaited with its head beside my door—the murderer's bed. All my suspicions were more than confirmed: I saw nothing but death before my eyes, or rather behind my back—I saw no way of escape, and, as the last refuge of the wretched, I betook myself to my Creator. In a kind of agony, I dropped upon my knees to commend my soul and body to the only being who could aid in such awful circumstances. Though tolerably regular at my prayers during my lifetime, yet I must confess that, although at the outset, when I first got upon my knees, my whole soul was directed heavenward; yet very soon my ideas began to scatter like grouse shot, and my imagination to roam a wool-gathering to the ends of the earth. My petition to heaven got so mixed up with the odds and ends of earthly concerns, that, when I was done, I could scarcely tell whether I had been praying or not. So it happened in the present instance. At the outset, I was more than serious; but my head was so full of the bed, upside down; and, for all the world, looked exactly like an overgrown turtle, with the head peeping out of the shell. I left him alone in his glory, perfectly convinced that he was in the right on't.

At breakfast we had a dish new to me. I don't recollect what name they gave to it; but it might, with great propriety, be called cider soup, as it was composed of potatoes and cider—exactly our potat: soup at home, only cider instead of water. It was a favorite dish with the Dutchman, and I had to tell a good many lies to save my good breeding; for he often asked me how I liked it, and if it were not good. O, course I answered in the affirmative; but my affirmatives came up my throat with as much difficulty as the cider soup went down; for I really did not like it.

After breakfast I started, though not till after an invitation to stay as long as I chose, and welcome. In the course of the forenoon I passed through Potsdam; a considerable place, with some good houses, and a newspaper—maybe a dozen of them, scattered throughout the country armful. It is situated on the Schuylkill, which I crossed by means of a neat wooden bridge. At night I slept at the house of a German, and, about a day, passed by the end of West Chester, and through Downingtown, where I crossed Big Brandywine by means of a stone bridge—the second I had seen in America, although they say there are plenty of them in Pennsylvania.

A short way beyond Downingtown it commenced raining very heavy, which forced me to look out for shelter. I turned off the road to a farm house I saw close by; but receiving an impudent answer from a boy I scooted in the direction of a house farther off, and little could tage not far off. Here I was welcome. The occupants were an Irishman, Robert Owen by name, and his wife: everything was neat and clean, and they treated me like a gentleman. In the morning I was astonished at the news I commenced talking about the elections, and federalists, and republicans. I put in my word—

"I thought," said I, "that you were all federalists and republicans in the lump in the country?"

"O yes, so we are," replied the neighbor; "but when we go to particulars, there is a great deal of difference between a federalist and a republican, I think, eh?"

"And what, pray, may be the difference between the two?" said I; "for certainly you have but one Tories now a days."

"As for the Tories," said he, "we have got enough of them yet; and as for the federalists, they are little better than Tories in disguise: true, they love America—that we must allow—and don't wish to be ruled by the king of England, or any other king; but, for the same of Tory, are still republican in principle—words anyhow—but their practical comments upon their own doctrines, evidently tend toward, if not a monarchical, at least an aristocratical form of government, as near as may be, without actually adopting the boundary line. Their principal aim is to give as much power to the General Government as they possibly can, without quitting other hand, they are not the only Tories; for I wish to merge all the individual republics into one grand whole—the republic of America. The republicans, on the other hand, wish all the individual States to remain as free and independent of each other as they were at the formation of the Constitution. For that purpose, they wish to preserve to them all the powers reserved to them at the formation of that instrument; and, if there were any of the powers given to Congress, to add to the powers of the State Governments than to weaken them."

The above may not be exactly the words of my informant; but they explain, with tolerable clearness, the distinction between the great parties into which the people of the United States are divided, and are, in substance, a good enough answer to the question I asked. I may further add, as my own account, that, since the period of the above conversation, the two parties have changed their cognomens almost as often as the moon has changed. At the present time, (1838,) they go by the name of Whig and Democrats. I believe that has started up the Conservatives. The individuals belonging to the last, pretended to be Democrats in heart and core, except regarding a national bank—an institution to which, as a party, the Democrats in the dictions, somehow or other, all the votes go to the Whigs—a plain proof that they scarcely know on what side their bread is buttered. So much for politics just now.

I was comfortably well treated by Mr. Owen; and although but a cotter, as we would say at home, yet he managed to spread out a table as well furnished, and everything as neat and clean, as if he had been worth thousands, and his wife brought up a lady of the first rank. Perhaps I may be found fault with for recording such trifles; but, as I wish to give my friends on the other side of the Atlantic as correct an outline of my journey as I can, I must, at the risk of it—they must go along with me and take pot luck—the good and the bad as it comes. It is not by a single trait that an individual, much less a nation, can be described. To talk of the sweetness of a Scotchman, the bluntness of an Englishman, the blunders of an Irishman, the levity of a Frenchman, the pride of a Spaniard, the treachery of a Portuguese, or the tricks and notions of a Yankee, is but going a very little way into a knowledge of the people. To know, we must become acquainted with them; we must visit them in their houses, sit at their tables, sleep in their beds, converse with them round their firesides, see them in their fields and workshops, and note them in all the outs and ins of their every-day life. The way that the British talk so much nonsense about the Americans, and the Americans about the British, is, because the one people knows little or nothing about the other; and the main reason of this ignorance is, because the travellers, who pretend to give the information, don't descend to particulars, but merely give some bearsays, or describe some of the prominent features which they have happened to get a glimpse of, in flying through the country with the speed of a locomotive.

In the course of the forenoon we went over to Mr. Tarbet's, upon whose farm Owen worked, and were kindly received. He was a young man, but married, (like most of the Americans;) a quiet and kindly disposition, and had a good farm, and, of course, plenty to eat and drink. I stayed with him two days. I afterward crossed the little Brandywine, and came to a small place called Oxford, where I stayed all night. It has one or two tolerably good inns, but no university. Somewhere near Oxford, I stopped at a small log house, in order to rest a little. I knocked at the door, which was opened by one of the finest looking women I thought I had ever seen, who bade me come in, in a voice sweet as strain from an Eolian harp. She was young, and though not what you would call beautiful, yet there was an indescribable something about her manner, look, and shape, which, together with her virgin like modesty, made her altogether irresistible. She took her infant from the cradle, and sat down at one side of the fire, while I took a seat at the other. She spoke not, nor did I; but look I could not help, as she bent with maternal tenderness over the babe at her breast. I am not overly much given to convolutions, but if ever I was in danger of breaking the tenth commandment, it was sitting by that fireside. I actually envied the husband of such a wife.

A few miles beyond Oxford, I entered Maryland. The boundary line, in this direction, between it and Pennsylvania, is a very diminutive stream, or rather ditch, so narrow that I could stand with one foot in Pennsylvania and the other in Maryland. Small though the separating line be, I could observe a material difference in the appearance of the two countries. The greater portion of Pennsylvania, that I had passed through, was rough and hilly, and latterly undulating; but after I entered Maryland, the face of the country became almost a dead level, with the soil light and sandy, and so continued until I arrived at the Susquehanna. The reason of this change was owing to my receding farther and farther from the mountains; for it must be remembered that Maryland, in the north-west, is very mountainous. The roads, too, were no better than in Pennsylvania.

In going along, I stopped at a house to look at a young pig, which he had fastened by the heels to one of the porch pillars.

"That's a queer looking pig you're flaying there," said I, to the man.

"It's not a pig, Sir; it's a possum."

"An opossum! You surely don't pretend to eat opossums in Maryland, do ye?"

"No, we don't *pretend* to eat them, but we actually do; and first-rate eating they are—much better than pig."

His answer somewhat startled me, for I thought I had read a good deal of natural history and geography, and I did not recollect anything about eating opossums; but now having eaten them myself, I can assure the reader that, notwithstanding their ugly staring gray fur, whiskers, and rat tail, they are actually first-rate eating. And my friend, the Dutchman, in his Indian corn, nuts, &c.; and I believe that, in all respects, they are much more closely than the porkers. Since I am on gastronomy, I may as well add, that I have also eaten raccoon, and coons, as they are commonly called in America; also a first-rate dish, much the same flavor as the opossum, and in great repute among the negroes.

On the same day I entered Maryland, I arrived at Port Deposite, on the Susquehanna—a romantic looking place, consisting of only one narrow street, running between a ridge of rocks and the river. Here are extensive quarries; and a great deal of stone is shipped down to Baltimore and other places. The most remarkable thing, however, about the place, is the suspension bridge across the Susquehanna. I was nearly frightened out of my sleep, that night, by the reader must remember that, about half-way over, you come to a small island, upon which is a tavern, where I stayed all night, deferring my journey until the next morning. The bridge is, however, about a mile long, roofed in, with a gate at one end, where you pay toll. The tavern keeper told me there was one still longer farther up the river. Between this bridge and the tavern, I passed through a romantic, road, good and the travel, upon the whole, pleasant.

I entered Baltimore early on the morning of the 28th October; and, as soon as the stores were opened, called upon Mr. Gerard, my cousin, James, my old travelling companion's uncle. I was informed that he had given up business in Baltimore, and retired to the country; but that money had been sent to New York, and that the nephew was expected daily. Expecting my trunk down with James, I thought it best to remain in the city instead of going out to meet him. The trunk did not come, and I concluded it was left behind, but well managed, and in most respects, I was comfortably well treated by Mr. Owen; and although but a cotter, as we would say at home, yet he managed to spread out a table as well furnished, and everything as neat and clean, as if he had been worth thousands, and his wife brought up a lady of the first rank. Perhaps I may be found fault with for recording such trifles; but, as I wish to give my friends on the other side of the Atlantic as correct an outline of my journey as I can, I must, at the risk of it—they must go along with me and take pot luck—the good and the bad as it comes. It is not by a single trait that an individual, much less a nation, can be described. To talk of the sweetness of a Scotchman, the bluntness of an Englishman, the blunders of an Irishman, the levity of a Frenchman, the pride of a Spaniard, the treachery of a Portuguese, or the tricks and notions of a Yankee, is but going a very little way into a knowledge of the people. To know, we must become acquainted with them; we must visit them in their houses, sit at their tables, sleep in their beds, converse with them round their firesides, see them in their fields and workshops, and note them in all the outs and ins of their every-day life. The way that the British talk so much nonsense about the Americans, and the Americans about the British, is, because the one people knows little or nothing about the other; and the main reason of this ignorance is, because the travellers, who pretend to give the information, don't descend to particulars, but merely give some bearsays, or describe some of the prominent features which they have happened to get a glimpse of, in flying through the country with the speed of a locomotive.

In the course of the forenoon we went over to Mr. Tarbet's, upon whose farm Owen worked, and were kindly received. He was a young man, but married, (like most of the Americans;) a quiet and kindly disposition, and had a good farm, and, of course, plenty to eat and drink. I stayed with him two days. I afterward crossed the little Brandywine, and came to a small place called Oxford, where I stayed all night. It has one or two tolerably good inns, but no university. Somewhere near Oxford, I stopped at a small log house, in order to rest a little. I knocked at the door, which was opened by one of the finest looking women I thought I had ever seen, who bade me come in, in a voice sweet as strain from an Eolian harp. She was young, and though not what you would call beautiful, yet there was an indescribable something about her manner, look, and shape, which, together with her virgin like modesty, made her altogether irresistible. She took her infant from the cradle, and sat down at one side of the fire, while I took a seat at the other. She spoke not, nor did I; but look I could not help, as she bent with maternal tenderness over the babe at her breast. I am not overly much given to convolutions, but if ever I was in danger of breaking the tenth commandment, it was sitting by that fireside. I actually envied the husband of such a wife.

A few miles beyond Oxford, I entered Maryland. The boundary line, in this direction, between it and Pennsylvania, is a very diminutive stream, or rather ditch, so narrow that I could stand with one foot in Pennsylvania and the other in Maryland. Small though the separating line be, I could observe a material difference in the appearance of the two countries. The greater portion of Pennsylvania, that I had passed through, was rough and hilly, and latterly undulating; but after I entered Maryland, the face of the country became almost a dead level, with the soil light and sandy, and so continued until I arrived at the Susquehanna. The reason of this change was owing to my receding farther and farther from the mountains; for it must be remembered that Maryland, in the north-west, is very mountainous. The roads, too, were no better than in Pennsylvania.

In going along, I stopped at a house to look at a young pig, which he had fastened by the heels to one of the porch pillars.

"That's a queer looking pig you're flaying there," said I, to the man.

"It's not a pig, Sir; it's a possum."

"An opossum! You surely don't pretend to eat opossums in Maryland, do ye?"

"No, we don't *pretend* to eat them, but we actually do; and first-rate eating they are—much better than pig."

His answer somewhat startled me, for I thought I had read a good deal of natural history and geography, and I did not recollect anything about eating opossums; but now having eaten them myself, I can assure the reader that, notwithstanding their ugly staring gray fur, whiskers, and rat tail, they are actually first-rate eating. And my friend, the Dutchman, in his Indian corn, nuts, &c.; and I believe that, in all respects, they are much more closely than the porkers. Since I am on gastronomy, I may as well add, that I have also eaten raccoon, and coons, as they are commonly called in America

THE SILK QUESTION.

From the Journal of the American Silk Society.

CONTRACTS FOR MULTICAULIS IN 1840.

Many heavy contracts have been made for the sale of Multicaulis trees, deliverable in the next year, 1840, at 6, 8, and 10 cents a tree. A gentleman recently in Philadelphia contracted for millions of such trees to be taken on the east of 600,000 trees. This has suggested a very erroneous idea in the public mind, that, but 6, 8, or 10 cents, the prices contracted for as above, will necessarily be the range of prices next year. A moment's reflection will show the fallacy of such a conclusion. Many people last year contracted for the delivery of trees this fall, 1839, at 10, 12, and 15 cents; and even at this early part of the season no one thinks of selling trees, even by contract, for less than double those prices. Another false impression has been made by the above contracts. It is supposed the fact that the above contracts are made for the delivery of trees at 6, 8, or 10 cents in the fall of 1840, will necessarily depress the price of trees this year. Exactly the reverse will be the result. Suppose no more than the 1,000,000 trees will be contracted for—then at least 5,000,000 buds will be withdrawn from the market this year, for the purpose of being put into the ground next fall. And consequently the prices of the trees left in market will be enhanced in proportion as the supply is diminished by the above, or any other cause.

ON KEEPING SILK WORM EGGS.

Immense quantities of silk worm eggs have been lost this season by premature hatching. In one instance, upward of one hundred ounces, that had been imported direct from France, and had been kept since their arrival in this country in a refrigerator, at a temperature of *forty-four degrees*, all hatched before there was any mulberry leaves to feed the young worm, and they were lost all lost. The unusual warm weather of the month of April, has doubtless caused much loss to those who had kept their eggs in the usual way. These losses, however, though a present evil, will result in ultimate gain. They will prove by example what almost every body has heretofore refused to learn from precept, to wit: That silk worm eggs must be constantly kept in a cold place, from the time they are laid, till they are wanted for hatching; and that any exposure to warmth at any time during win or early spring, will certainly start the growth of the embryo, and insure the premature hatching of the eggs. Again and again has the writer of these remarks cautioned the public on this subject. The object of this paper now is to give a few hints that may be useful in securing eggs for another season.

In no event can imported eggs be depended upon for any thing more than raising a few worms, for a future supply of eggs; because during the passage they are necessarily exposed to a warm temperature, and if they then bring them out in such portions as they wish for successive crops during the season. These kept in a cellar, however, during the fall, must be put into an ice-house before the 1st of February, or the eggs must be kept from hatching in May.

Eggs that have been carried about the country during winter, cannot be kept from hatching during the warm weather, the latter part of April and in May. Therefore, purchasers of eggs, under such circumstances, should be prepared to feeds the worms by the 1st of May, at the latest, in the latitude of Baltimore.

The French and Italian scrapes of the eggs from the cloth or paper on which the insect has deposited them, before exposing them to hatch. Indeed, many of them keep them "in bulk," like a parcel of seeds, from the time they are laid till season, and most of the eggs that are imported into the country are put up in boxes, like so many cabbage seed. Notwithstanding the high authority from which this practice emanates, we are well convinced of its impropriety. The close contact of so many animal existences, we should naturally conclude, even without experience, would generate heat, foul air, and finally cause the death of the whole. And that it has this effect, is abundantly proved by numerous instances where they have been imported in this way, and on opening the boxes, the putrifying mass of egg was extremely offensive, the eggs being all dead. Another objection is found in the difficulty of hatching the worms from those loose eggs. The little insect, when he gets his head and fore legs out of the shell, reaches its claws ahead, and seizes hold of the paper or board, and then with his hind legs pulls himself out of the shell; but if the egg be not fastened to the paper, he cannot then pull himself out, but pulls the shell along. In this way we have seen a little worm working and struggling for an hour, and very often perish at last. It is not uncommon to see them come out *half dead*—in that case, they are worse off still; for as soon as their first pair of both touch any external object, they begin to commence about, with the shell covering their head and the fore part of the body. When the eggs are left glued upon the paper, as is the custom in this country, they are not subject to spontaneous heat, and are constantly preserved with moist uniformity; and at the time of bringing them out, none of the worms are lost from difficult hatching from the above cause.—*Ibid.*

PROSPECT AND PRICES OF THE MULTICAULIS.

It will no doubt be expected of us to give our opinion as to the prospect of sales, and the price to be prices of the multicaulis, the ensuing season. The numerous personal calls we receive daily, if nothing else, show that this is expected of us. We would much rather leave the whole subject to the decision of time; but as we have no choice, we give our opinion, such as it is—suggesting that it be borne in mind, that we have no pecuniary interest to be affected by the result, one way or the other, that we do not own, nor have we any interest in *few hundred* trees, and that our whole, sole object, in all we write, or say, or do, is the success of the great cause, the good of our country, our whole country, and nothing but our country.

We most sincerely believe that the prices of trees the coming season, will be fifty cents, or upward, for fair sized well matured wood. At present, however, that price cannot be obtained, for various and conclusive reasons. People seldom purchase trees or seeds to plant, till near the time of planting. Last year, it is true, owing to the excitement, the great majority of sales were made in the fall and winter. But the coming season will be *different*, as far as we can judge. Planters of trees will prefer purchasing in the latter part of winter and in the spring, to running the risk of keeping them over winter; and, hence, attempts to sell now will generally fail, or succeed only at the expense of a material reduction in price.

We know full well that sales have been made at 30, 35, 40, and even 50 cents a tree, for large quantities, and some smaller sales have been made at even higher rates; but not enough of either to establish a market value to the article at this time, when there is no market for it, properly speaking. But the publication of these sales has induced growers of trees to rush upon the market with the hope of selling at the same prices. They see these publications, think they are the current prices, easily attainable, and are astonished to find that they cannot get them, or any thing like them, when they offer their *trees* in market. Now the whole fault lies in the time of offering to sell, not in the value of the article offered. Suppose that the farmers should all at once come to market with all the wheat in the country, what would be the effect? The market would be overloaded with wheat, and sales could not be made of any of it, except at a great reduction in price.

Let growers of trees bear in mind the simple fact, that judicious people never purchase perishable articles six months before they want to use them; and above all, let it be remembered, that farmers seldom purchase seed or plants any length of time before they are ready to plant.

We have no reason to change our opinion heretofore expressed, of the probable amount of the present crop throughout the country. Most sincerely do we believe that there are not trees enough in any one state in the Union, to supply the home demand of that state, for legitimate silk growing purposes. We believe, that, when the season of planting arrives, and the trees market shall be thus fairly opened, every fair sized tree in the country will be taken at 50 cents or upward. Till then, growers must expect to bear of great sales at high prices occasionally, but of a depression in prices, and extreme difficulty in selling at reasonable prices generally. Growers of trees will serve their own interests by keeping out of market entirely, until the proper season arrives, then they will readily effect sales, and get good prices.—*Ibid.*

Sale of Multicaulis.—Thirteen hundred and fifty Multicaulis trees were sold in Washington, D. C., on Tuesday last, from one foot to eight feet high, at *forty-eight cents per tree*, paid for on the spot.

SILK TRADE.

In a few years, if the silk manufacture not cease in this country, we shall import silk from the East Indies, and probably from Europe. Whatever may be the policy of free trade and reciprocal interests, it is evident that what we ourselves can produce, we ought not to import. What can we exchange for silk, for many thousand of not millions of our hard dollars leave this country, never to return, in payment for that very useful article. We may judge of the extent of our trade with the Celestial Empire from the following table of imports for the year ending with June, 1839:—

Tea, chests,	193,109
Crape, shawls,	19,541
Handkerchiefs, pieces,	38,812
Cambrics,	2,536
Sarsnets,	2,832
Levantines,	315
Satin de,	600
Satins,	1,300
Satin Damask,	50
Camblets,	74
Taffaties,	24,310
Mixed Lustrings,	240
Crapes,	38
Sewings, pounds,	31

New York Star.

SILK CULTURE.

In an address to the people of Kentucky, by a Convention in Fayette county of the friends of Silk Culture, we find the following statement of the profits of an acre of land in the silk business, as estimated from the experience of the gentlemen named:

Names.	Pounds of Silk.	Profits per Acre.
Count Dumbois,	120	$720
G. B. Smith,	180	720
Mr. Bradley,	333	1330
O'Fallon, jun.	240	960
Mr. Bourgeon,	240	960
E. P. Roberts,	180	720
Mr. Genet,	686	2664
Mr. Lambschina,	1296	5184
Baldif Hone,	137	548
Mr. Pults,	135	600
Mr. Finn,	155	640
Total	3512	$14,108
Average, 354 1-3		1,410,80

THE OLD BAY STATE VS. EVERY OTHER STATE IN THE UNION.

The annexed is the substance of a written communication from Mr. Ebenezer Warner, of Belchertown, Mass. to the Hampshire Gazette, under date of August 28, 1839:—

"Remarks having been made in the Hampshire Gazette about a white mulberry tree which I sold last winter, for the extravagant sum, so was then thought, of fifty dollars, it may be interesting to mulberry dealers to be made acquainted with its origin, and know what has become of it. About the year 1830, I purchased some white mulberry seed in New York, which I sowed in my garden, in Belchertown. Among the seedlings, there were four trees of unusual thrift and larger leaf than the others, one of which was removed from the nursery into the street in front of my house, where it now stands. It has so large a leaf as to attract the attention of travellers, especially of mulberry dealers. Last winter (1838 9) a mulberry dealer from Connecticut, who had seen the tree when clothed with foliage, asked what I would take for it. I stated 50 dollars, and he said he would take it. I after wards ascertained that he had sold it for about 150 dollars to another dealer, who, within the last three weeks, told me that he had sold many of the buds at one dollar each, that he attempted to start the buds in a hot house last winter, but none vegetated; that in the spring he inserted a few buds into the roots of the white mulberry stock, which have grown seven feet this season; that the leaves are larger than any multicaulis leaf to be found in his vicinity; that about 2500 buds were taken from the tree the last winter and spring; and that there is at this time, probably not less than 3000 equally fair and good buds on the tree. He also said he had been offered for the tree and this year's product, the very handsome sum of *five thousand dollars*, which offer he denied. Any person doubting the foregoing statement, may be fully satisfied by inquiring of Ebenezer Warner, Belchertown, Mass."

Sales of Morus Multicaulis Trees.—Many of the Mulberry growers at Flushing were caught napping on Monday last, and numerous purchases were made simultaneously, at moderate rates, by persons from a distance, who arrived there the previous day; prices have consequently advanced. It appears these trees are wanted for the West, where the Silk business is developing itself with great success.—*N. Y. Star.*

Atkinson's Evening Post and Philadelphia Saturday News.

UNDER THE EDITORIAL CHARGE OF GEORGE R. GRAHAM.

Letters to be addressed to T. C. Atkinson, Publisher.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1839.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION, &c.

$3 per annum—$2 if paid in advance; $1.50 in advance for six months.

Subscribers can commence at any time; their letters addressed to us. The word "*Post*" or "*Ledger*" is not a title.

Clubs of ten subscribers, remitting $20 in advance, will receive a copy gratis.

Other letters will not be taken from the Post-office unless the postage is paid.

Back numbers can be supplied only at the end of the current half year's subscription, and then only at the option of the Publisher.

Agents for Ladies' Books.

Small Bank Notes of solvent Banks received in payment for Ledger.

Agents are expressly authorized to make quick remittances, without which it is difficult to keep their accounts. They should always give their post office address.

Any person forwarding 7 or 8 subscribers, free of postage, will be entitled to a copy gratis.

Bank bills must always be made the Post-office command from, as well as the check on the Bank, if to be collected.

AN UNPLEASANT NOTICE.

We regret to be obliged to give notice to a large number of our patrons, that in consequence of their having procrastinated payment for so unreasonable a length of time, we shall be compelled, soon, by the first law of nature, to discontinue the paper addressed to them, until they shall see fit to do us something like justice, by the payment of their subscriptions due. We have laboured strenuously to gratify and serve them, but our exertions have been disregarded.

☞ Will S. Arnold, Esq. or Mr. Rice, his agent, inform us where a letter will reach them?

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The article entitled "The *Fruits of Courting*," is only equalled in "gentle flow," by the Stanzas of a modest friend of ours near Duck and Second, who insists that he has no merit, notwithstanding the proof, which is per copy. Of course we cannot publish it.

"*F. H. P.*" we must decline. We are too much of a temperance man, to publish copy such shocking lines as the *two* following

"We all must live until we die
Then eat and drink and sport your beer."

The "Stanzas" by "*W. H. W.*" are accepted and shall appear at an early day.

THE NEWS FROM EUROPE.

It is gratifying to us, to be enabled to give our readers the encouraging news from Europe by the Great Western. Cotton was selling briskly, and the harvest was abundant. The money market was greatly improved, some loans had been effected on American securities and every thing begins to look bright again. It is certainly not very flattering to our national pride to be thus dependant, upon the flux and reflux of money matters on the other side of the Atlantic, but for the present we must take it as it is. Confidence is much restored already, and the banks are beginning to discount more freely, so that a fair fall business may yet be done. The countenances of our merchants wear a smiling aspect, the officers of banks are more bustling, the brokers put on long faces, and we may reasonably expect that our subscribers now will open their purses, and swell our mail receipts for some weeks to come. We shall relax no efforts to give them the earliest and most important intelligence, with promptitude and fidelity, avoiding as much as possible the sin of filling our paper with trashy stuff, which can benefit none, while we will afford news that will interest all, and in return we will expect them to be faithful to us. Our expenses are enormous, and when hard times induce a general suspension among our subscribers, we feel it severely. We expect to credit all the liberal ones in the next two or three weeks.

THE PUBLIC LEDGER.

This old and tried favorite of the public still advances in popularity. It is conducted with an ability which demands and ensures success. No paper ever established in this city has done so much to create a taste for reading, and by none has that taste been best defied. There is a lofty tone in its editorials which is invariably praised, and a display of energy and business talents in the selection of news, equalled by none. Its proprietors are men who make no great noise, personally, but they pursue the tenor of their way, securing the esteem of all whose good opinion is worth having.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE.

The Managers of the American Institute announce the Twelfth Annual Fair, to be held at Niblo's Garden, New York, commencing on the twentieth of October. A deep interest is always taken by this Institute, in the exhibition of cattle and farming stocks. Accommodations will be provided for pure blood cattle, of all kinds. All kinds of machinery and articles of American manufacture will also be exhibited. The managers take a deep interest in the American Silk culture, and the Silk Cocoon fair will be held on the evening of the eleventh of October. Arrangements are being made for a full display of American Silk in all forms from the cocoon to the finished fabric. Much good, will result to the country from the preparations for Silk. Our climate is peculiarly congenial to the insect that produces it. The women, children and infirm persons scattered among our population, from whose labors little or nothing is realized, are competent to supply twenty millions of dollars value in Silk per annum, instead of which we have imported in a single year more than that amount. A sum double the value of the whole exported products of the United States, for the same period, from all our boasted fisheries, with all the exports from our forests, of stave and fars, lumber, masts, and all our manufactures of wood; our naval stores, tar, pitch, turpentine, pot and pearl ashes, &c. and also from our almost innumerable farms; all our exported beef, tallow, hides and cattle, butter, cheese, pork, beans, horses, mules, sheep, &c. with our entire exports of wheat, corn and flour, superadded. The whole catalogue of this formidable portion of a nation's hard earnings for foreign exportation, did not in 1836 equal twelve millions of dollars, while the imports of silks the same year, exceeded twenty millions of dollars; and by including silk and worsted goods, of which silk constituted an important part, they amounted to over twenty-three millions five hundred thousand dollars. This alarming statement, the report from the treasury department will fully verify. Is it not high time that Silk should command our attention? The mulberry is essential to the worm that produces it. All its varieties should be collected at this Fair, with detailed facts, showing their adaptation to soil and climate, and the quantity of sustenance they afford. We may reasonably anticipate that the interchange of opinions among experienced Silk culturists at this Convention, will be productive of immense advantage. At the last Fair, more than fifteen thousand persons visited it, and the happiest influences have attended these public exhibitions every where.

A NEW TOWN HALL.

The Baltimore American says that the commissioners appointed to superintend the new Town Hall in that city, offer the premium of two hundred dollars for the best plan of a suitable edifice for the purposes required. We learn from an article in the Chronicle that the Act of Assembly on the subject "requires the Commissioners so to arrange their plans as to provide a most capacious market place upon the old site, over which additional stories are to be erected for the public convenience and accommodation after the manner so successfully adopted at Faneuil Hall, Boston." In obedience to which requisition of law we learn that the Commissioners contemplate erecting the entire superstructure of the Market Place after the most tasteful and beautiful model, and to arrange the interior by providing a spacious Armory for the deposit of the arms and accoutrements belonging to the State of Maryland which may be required in the city of Baltimore, a convenient and extensive droll room for the accommodation of the Volunteer corps of the city, a Public Room for Mechanical, Agricultural, and Scientifical exhibitions or assemblages of the people in town or ward meetings, and to surmount the whole with an elevated Cupola, containing a Town clock, an Alarm Bell, and Fire Pointers, as an auxiliary to the usefulness of the Fire Department of the city. We hope that this may awaken the public spirit of Philadelphia, and that something may be done to redeem the credit of our city, in this matter. Let a large Hall like that of New York, be erected, with suitable accommodations for our courts of justice, so that the business of the commonwealth and of suitors may be properly and promptly attended to. Our courts are now often compelled to adjourn for want of room to hold the sessions in. The press has done every thing by a unanimity of opinion to accomplish the result, but no action appears to be taken by the proper powers.

THE UNITED BOWMEN.

Having received an invitation from the Society of United Bowmen, on Wednesday we attended their annual prize shooting, and were much gratified in witnessing the exercises of the afternoon. The day was beautiful; scarce a cloud floated on the deep blue of the clear sky, and a gentle breeze cooled the atmosphere rendered warm by the rays of the sun. The shooting ground was a beautiful lawn, the property of Mr. Norris, situated in Turner's Lane, a short distance out of the city. It was enclosed with lists, without which were placed two rows of benches for the accommodation of spectators. At the foot of the lawn, and by the side of the lower targets, the three flags of England, France and America, threw their magnificent folds to the passing wind. Further up on the field a handsome tent or pavilion was erected, over whose top waved the white ensign of the Bowmen, with its rich and appropriate devices of Archery and its appliances. Near it were standing a fine band of Musicians in full uniform, performing on their different instruments in the interval between the rounds, and opposite to them on a table, covered with a snow white cloth, their prizes were placed, surrounded with delicately entwined wreaths of beautiful roses. The Bowmen dressed in their suits of bincon green, presented a very picturesque appearance. At least a thousand spectators surrounded the lists, composed of the beauty and fashion of our city, among whom were many of the fair, dressed in a style of elegance rarely surpassed, witnessing the exploits of the Archers with interest and delight. We were translated in imagination, back to the good times of ancient "Archerie," when bold Robin Hood, with Little John, and "his merry men all," ranged the forrest of Sherwood, and performed those notable feats which have been handed down to posterity, through the medium of the old English ballads. But to return. The shooting continued about an hour, when the prizes were awarded as follows:

The first prize, a massive silver vase, to be kept one year, to R. B. Davidson.

The second prize, a silver goblet, to S. P. Griffiths, Jr.

The third prize, a silver goblet, to E. W. Keyser.

The Fourth prize, a silver arrow, to F. Peale.

The company then dispersed and a long train of splendid vehicles conducted the large assembly to their respective homes, all, no doubt, highly gratified. Altogether it was one of the most stirring and agreeable scenes, we have ever witnessed, and those who had the arrangement of it, deserve great commendation. The exercise is healthy and amusing, therefore we take leave of the United Bowmen, by wishing them great success.

A WONDERFUL ESCAPE.

The St. Augustine Herald states that one of the laborers in Mr. Dallam's employ has arrived at Tampa, with the following story, which, in addition to his being a man of credibility, is corroborated by the marks of figatures on his arms, and of burns on his legs. When the Indians made the attack on Col. Harney, this man was taken alive and tied to a tree with leather thongs. The Indians having completed their horrid work, retired to carouse and dance, and an old squaw brought a quantity of wood, placed it round the prisoner, set fire to it, and went away. A shower providentially coming up deadened the fire and at the same time softened the leather in which enabled the man with tremendous exertion, to loose one arm so as to untie himself—then watching his opportunity, he dropped on his hands and knees, creeped to the bush, where laying a while, he put off. After reaching what he considered a safe distance, he landed on a point, where he subsisted on raw clams, until he got on board of a small vessel that was passing.

THE HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

The exhibition of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society will be held in the Grand Saloon of the Philadelphia Museum, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. The committee of arrangement have made such exertions as will ensure a rich display of fruits and flowers, and we may reasonably anticipate that the fashion, worth and beauty of the city will be daily in attendance. Who does not love to gaze upon beauty among flowers? to look upon the mellow light of glad bright eyes, and to talk of love among roses? The very thought makes us feel romantic. This Society has done much by the judicious distribution of premiums to foster a spirit for horticultural pursuits, and its exhibitions are always greeted with enthusiasm by young and old. No young gentleman will dare to allow "the three days" to pass over without a ramble with his lady-love among the flowers, and every husband who wishes to share her quietly o'nights must first take his wife to the exhibition of the Horticultural Society. Such are the facts which will be clearly demonstrated next week.

U. STATES BANK $5 NOTES.

We have just been much surprised and gratified with a sight of what may be considered a harbinger of better times—*it was a Five Dollar Note of the United States Bank, of a new emission!* By the enactment of the improvement bill, of the last session, *any bank* making a loan in the commonwealth, was authorised to issue five dollar notes, and it appears the United States Bank has taken advantage of that act. If the bank should deem it advisable to issue these notes to the amount of the loan, which we understand it has taken, it will not only be a very seasonable relief to thousands of laborers on the public improvements, but advance the State interests, and afford a most acceptable kind of currency to the public generally.

The loans of $2,050,000 authorised at the last session of the Legislature were suffered to hang *without a single bid being offered for them* from the 1st of August last till the present week, but the heads of the party fearing a great defalcation in the ranks at the ensuing fall elections, (in consequence of the stoppage of the public works,) have made an arrangement with the senator to let them have the required sums, so that a large amount of the most beautiful currency the world has ever witnessed will be afforded to the community—a currency which for many years has borne a premium over gold and silver, over a larger extent of territory than any other "promissory" ever before extended in any country. Two millions of dollars of these handsome pictures will materially assist in ameliorating the money market—and we hope that *some thousands of our subscribers who are at present greatly in arrears may be able to favor us with some of them.*

CASE OF THE REV. Z. FULLER.

The jury in the case of the Commonwealth against the Rev. Zebulon Fuller, returned a verdict, on Monday last, of "*not guilty*, and the defendant to pay the costs." The jury were out from Saturday noon until Monday noon, and of course were much divided in opinion. There was a good deal of what the lawyers term *hard swearing*, and amid the multiplicity of contradictory testimony, it is not wonderful that they should have been somewhat perplexed.

STEAM NAVIGATION.—A line of Steam packets is about to be established by Samuel Cunard, between Boston and Liverpool. Four ships are now building in Scotland for the line, and Mr. Cunard has closed his contract with the British Government, by which they stipulate to pay him £60,000 per annum, for seven years, for transporting the mail; and allow him the privilege of conveying passengers and freight without any restriction.

COMMODORE ELLIOTT.—A majority of the Court of Inquiry that investigated the charges against Commodore Elliott, have recommended that he be tried by a Naval Court Martial—Commodore Stewart dissenting.

ANOTHER BORDER DISPUTE.—Gov. Boggs, of Missouri, Aug. 20th, issued his proclamation, commanding all officers, civil and militia, to execute the laws up to the extreme northern limits, as defined by the Missouri Legislature, and to put down, peaceably or by armed force, any interference from Iowa, or otherwise. The youngest territorial sister seems to be placed in an unpleasant position, and must fall back on Congress to protect her.

FLORIDA.—Accounts from Garey's Ferry to 26th August, states that the Seminoles have all left Fort King. The hostile intentions of the Indians, and their determination to disregard Macomb's treaty, are now no longer doubted. A bundle of four hundred red sticks has been found indicating the re commencement of the war. Tigertail has scattered parties every where to murder all the white stragglers they meet.

ATTEMPT AT MAIL ROBBING.—The Cincinnati Daily Republican says that—"There was an attempt made last week, to rob the great western mail, within a few miles of Morristown, on the national road. The rascal who tried it, made an effort to seize the horses, and the driver was ordered to stop. This order the driver did not feel inclined to obey, and so by applying his lash to his horses, he saved Uncle Sam's money bags, and us our exchange papers."

THE INDIAN'S PROPHECY.

An Indian chief, to whom importunities had been addressed with a view to induce him to remove to a position farther west than that occupied by his tribe, resisted the application upon the ground that the cupidity of the white man would soon reach even that spot, however distant; and that it would be as well for his tribe to wait their inevitable extermination upon the soil within whose bosom their fore-fathers had been deposited. The argument was pressed; and with a view to render it more improbable that the new home to which he was invited would ever be invaded by the rude aggression of the white man, he was urged to consent to a removal to the delightful hunting grounds beyond the Rocky Mountains. "It is in vain," said this son of the forest with a mournful and touching eloquence; "neither mountain nor flood can stay the march of the people who have usurped the dominions of the red man. Even now the cabins of the white settler mingle with the wigwams at the foot of those distant mountains, and the red man is fast retreating before the face of the intruders. Soon he will be driven to seals them and take up his abode on the other side; and yet the white man will follow, and persecute, and destroy him, until the dying shriek of the last of the Indian race shall mingle itself with the roar on the Pacific ocean!"

The prophecy of the savage chief is rapidly approaching its fulfilment. The Rocky Mountains are no longer a barrier to the white man. He has taken up his abode beyond; and even now, from the distant regions on the other side of the stupendous chain, comes a voice, asking that the laws which govern the rest of this nation of white men may be extended over the dwellers upon the very shores of the Pacific. A petition of this nature from the Oregon Territory was presented in the senate last session; and the day is evidently not far distant when that territory, of whose very existence a large number of the people of the United States are probably ignorant, will claim her place among the confederated States of the Union. In less than twenty years in all probability, the whole of the territory within the northern and southern boundaries of the United States, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, will be under the government of separate sovereignties, owning political allegiance to the Federal Government of the Union.

AMUSEMENTS.

Mr. Love will take a benefit at the Philadelphia Museum this evening. He is decidedly the best Ventriloquist, we have ever heard. Those who have not heard him, should visit the Museum this evening. The Hungarian Singers will enrich the entertainment of the evening, by an exhibition of their peculiar vocal powers.

"The Mammoth Circus," has been opened on the lot at the corner of Green and the Old York Road, by Messrs. Fogg & Stickney. They inform the citizens that after an absence of six years, they are enabled to revisit them with their talented company and splendid stud of horses, which they can safely aver is now without a superior in the United States—comprising some of the most eminent native performers, and a number of others from Cooke's Equestrian Circus; combining such a rare collection of talent as cannot fail to afford a rich treat to the lovers of equestrian amusements.

Assembly Building.—The proprietors of the above elegant Saloon, continue to serve up Ice Creams of superior flavors, as usual, and have engaged a Professor of the Piano Forte, who will play several celebrated overtures, marches, &c. &c.

THE HUNGARIAN SINGERS.

The Hungarian Minstrels, who have for some time past made quite a noise in the musical world, have been drawing crowds at the Philadelphia Museum during the past week. Their voices accord so finely, that the sounds might be taken for those of wind instruments. There is something so novel in their appearance, and so will in the style of their music, that they appear to have taken the whole *basis by the ears*. They are fine looking men, with large moustaches, and wearing their national costume. Their engagement, we understand, will be suspended during the Horticultural Exhibition.

THE MAYORALTY.

Some difficulty is likely to occur with the Whig party in selecting a person for the mayoralty. Had not Mayor Roach positively declined, we believe they could not have selected a better man. He has been prompt and faithful in the discharge of all his duties, and has attained the highest praise, that of having it universally said of him, that he has done nothing during his administration, that can give room for party detraction.

THE CAPTURED AFRICANS.

The following letter by Mr. Leavitt, published in the New York papers, will be read with interest.

To the Committee on behalf of the African prisoners at New Haven.

Gentlemen—Having been deputed to visit the company of African captives now in confinement at New Haven, I hasten to lay before you a few particulars respecting their situation. I found them occupying four of five apartments under the care of the U. S. Marshal, N. W. Wilcox, Esq. and his assistant, Mr. Pendleton. They seem to be made as comfortable as is consistent with their situation, excepting that they need opportunities for exercise in the open air. This, I hope, will be secured as soon as the Marshal returns from New London, where he has gone to take an inventory of the slaver and its contents. A faithful and accomplished physician, Charles Holabird, M. D. of this city, is devoting to them all the professional attention they need. Five or six of them are in the hospital apartment, and some of the rest are slightly affected with bowel complaints. They have all been decently clothed in cotton shirts and trousers by the care of the Marshal, and will have flannel provided as soon as the physician shall direct. Care is also taken as to their food.

They were not as distinctly cleaned when taken near our shore as has been represented in the papers, but had clothing probably found on board the slaver, which they did not wear in consequence of the intolerable heat which confined in the hold of the slaver. I feel currently in felt to see these victims of the slave trade, the first that have been known in Connecticut for a great many years.

Multitudes visit the prison, the keeper charging each one a New York shilling, the avails of which, after a just compensation for his trouble, he purposes to expend for the benefit of the prisoners, or for some charitable object. Objections have been made to this practice, but I think some of the most intelligent and humane of the citizens satisfied that the sympathy produced by it is rather favorable than otherwise to the prisoners, and also useful in raising their spirits, &c.

Joseph Cinquez, the leader, is in the cell with the other prisoners; his countenance bears a resemblance to the pictures that are hawked about our streets for sale, and he is cheerful like any of the others. They all appear to be persons of quiet minds and a mild and cheerful temper; there is no contention among them; even the young children, three girls and one boy, who are in a room by themselves, seem to be uniformly kind and friendly.

I took along with me an old African man, who said he could speak the Congo language, in hopes thereby of being able to open a communication with them, as the newspapers said they speak the Congo; but they all say they are not Congoes. Many of them say Mandingo, whence it is supposed they are Mandingoes, though it is not improbable there are persons of several tribes among them.

Unremitted efforts will be made to obtain the means of communication with these unfortunate persons, who have been snatched from their native bound over to be tried for their lives, without an opportunity to say a word for themselves, and without a word communicated to them explanatory of their situation.

They are detained by the marshal on two processes; one the commitment for trial on a charge of murder, and the other the claim upon them as property, by the Spaniards who pretend to be their owners, and by the American capers who have libelled them for salvage.

It is believed there are a number of Africans in this city, of various tribes, some of whom will be able to communicate with them.

Very respectfully, JOSHUA LEAVITT.

THE SLAVE PRISONERS.

A more forlorn company we never before beheld. They were, when we visited them on Monday last, very much emaciated and were but half covered—but they now, with some exceptions, appear in much better health and spirits, are well clad, and seem quite proud of their new garments. Some of them were shown a small lithographed picture, published in New York, of Cinquez, their leader, and they exclaimed "Cinca," "Cinca," and laughed very heartily. We were present during a phrenological examination of most of them by Mr. Fowler, the celebrated practical phrenologist. He said that he could see little difference in the formation of their heads, that they possessed very destructive or malicious propensities; yet nearly all of them had most marked developments of self-esteem, firmness and love of home; which feelings, more than others, he thought, occasioned the insurrection among them. The head of the leader, seemed not altogether dissimilar from the heads of most of the others, except in the region of the forehead, which indicated that he possessed a greater share of intelligence than either of his brethren. The young girls seem very happy. We saw one of them count her fingers in imitation of one of the keepers, and she pronounced each word from one to ten as distinctly as if she had always lived in this country.—*N. Y. Express.*

CARE OF THE INSANE.

The insane at Washington, D. C. are confined in the county jail, and their condition is represented as most deplorable; the cells presenting, according to the National Intelligencer, a "moving and revolting spectacle." It appears strange to us that this kind of treatment is still continued by persons laying claim to sound sense. We do not hesitate to say that nearly every case of confirmed madness has been produced by confining the patient in a cold and cheerless dungeon. For if a sound man be placed in the situation of these unfortunates, and treated with the same barbarity, he will soon become as mad as the wildest maniac among them. The only proper mode of treating insanity is kindness and gentleness, and if by these means the patient cannot be cured, his suffering will at least be alleviated.

The Intelligencer recommends the erection of a National Hospital at Washington, and insists upon its necessity, for the accommodation of "strangers and others, who are attacked by disease, or rendered helpless by accident."—*World.*

In the dreadful ravages of yellow fever, and other pestilences, the mind seems to become callous to ordinary feeling. In the New Orleans Times we find the following:

Rather Soon.—We are informed that on Wednesday while three coffins were being carried from one of the hospitals, in a cart, the tenant of one of them found himself alive—got mad, and "kicked the driver" off. He was taken out; put into a carriage, and placed in a situation where he may recover. He is another candidate for old Staples' motto, "never died yet."

The Increase in the New York Canal toll[illegible] year, so far, is $66,577 54 over last [illegible] year.

FOREIGN.

ARRIVAL OF THE GREAT WESTERN.

TWENTY-FOUR DAYS LATER.

The Great Western arrived at New York, on Tuesday morning last, bringing files from London and Liverpool to the 23d and 24th of August. She made her passage in, in sixteen days and a half, bringing one hundred and ten passengers, among whom, is the Rev. Dr. Sewall, of Troy, and Rev. Dr. Kirk, of Albany. General Rawlings and Colonel Oakley, who came on in the Great Western, succeeded in negociating a loan of four millions of Illinois bonds on favorable terms.

THE MONEY MARKET.

The London money market has become considerably more satisfactory since the change of weather, and more speculative business has been going forward this afternoon than on any day for several previous weeks. Should the weather remain favorable, capital will be brought forward with more confidence from day to day; and the Directors of the Bank of England are already speaking of a reduction of the rate of interest for money, and of their great willingness and anxiety to afford an early stimulus to general trade. The additions to their stock of bullion have been very considerable during the last ten days; and the whole importation of bar silver was not more than 30,000l. for the recent week.

In American securities there is at length also something rather more favorable to report, for though the quotations are very reduced, there is a revival of business at these low rates. The principal sales during yesterday and to day, have been $120,000 of Pennsylvania 3 per cents. at 67; $100,000 of Indiana 5 per cents. at 75, and $75,000 of Ohio 6 per cents. at 93. The shares of the Bank of the United States are 22l. 10s. to 22l. 15s. Respecting the various new stocks, the only intelligence of importance is, that Gen. Rawlins, the commissioner for the negotiation for the Illinois Railroad bonds, has completed a contract for the iron, to the extent of five hundred thousand dollars, with Mr. Thompson, an Alderman of London, and the head of one of the large iron works in Wales. Messrs. Wright & Company, of Henrietta street, Covent Garden, it appears are to take the Railroad bonds, and give security to Mr. Alderman Thompson for the iron required; and the commissioners are about to receive money from Wright & Co. to the extent of $30,000 at the present time, and engage for future advances, according to the progress of the works. The price of the iron, plus of interest for advances, or other particulars of the arrangement have not transpired. None of the other companies have succeeded in obtaining purchases for their bonds, and the Illinois Commissioners, and Commissioners from Missouri, have returned home, and left their securities in the hands of their friends in London, until a return of better times.

THE HARVEST.

The most important event to the country is the probable result of the wheat harvest in England and on the continent of Europe. In France most of the grain had been harvested and the crops were remarkably good. In the southern parts of England the wheat harvest was nearly over, and the crops generally good. In Wiltshire very little was cut, up to the 23d, but the crops, it is believed, will be tolerably good. In the midland counties the prospect is not quite as favorable, and in the north the crops will be decidedly bad and late harvest. The weather for many days had been fluctuating, and so had been the prices of wheat. In Mark Lane on the 19th of August, wheat advanced 2s. per quarter, and a further advance was looked for the next market day, but provincially the weather cleared up, which is at all times a barometer for regulating prices.

THE CANADAS.

The act for making temporary provision for the government of Lower Canada received the royal assent on the 17th of August.

The 1st section provides that the Special Council shall consist of not less than twenty members, and no business to be done unless eleven be present.

Section 2, repeals the provision of the act of 1 and 2 of Victoria, ch. 9, preventing the making of permanent laws. All permanent laws to be laid for thirty days before Parliament previous to being confirmed.

Section 3, repeals the provision of the late act prohibiting taxation. No New tax to be levied except for public works and objects of municipal government, and such taxes not to be appropriated by the government.

Section 4. Repeals the provision of the late act prohibiting the alteration of acts of Parliament, but no law to be passed affecting the temporal rights of ecclesiastics of the law of tenure.

Section 5. All laws to have a publication in the Gazette before going into effect.

THE PENNY POSTAGE ACT.

The following is a summary of this important bill:

Section 1. Every letter of a given weight, to be hereafter determined, one penny; with a proportionate increase for greater weight. Parliamentary franking abolished.

Sec. 2. The Lords of the Treasury are authorised to suspend, wholly or in part, any parliamentary or official privilege of sending or receiving letters by the post free of postage, and to make any other regulations for the future exercise of official franking.

Sec. 4. Relates to the two-penny post in London and Dublin, and leaves it to the Lords of the Treasury to say whether they shall be continued, or whether the rate shall be reduced.

Sec. 5, 6, 7 and 8. Relate to stamp papers.

Sec. 9 and 10. Unimportant.

Sec. 11. Authorises the Lords of the Treasury to make any reduction they may consider expedient in the allowance to masters of vessels for letters conveyed by them.

Sec. 12. That whenever the word "letter" is used in this act, it shall apply equally to newspapers; but not so as to deprive newspapers of the privilege they now possess of passing free of postage.

STEAM PACKETS TO THE WEST INDIES.

It is already known that steam ships are building to run twice a month between England and Halifax. It has been officially announced that the Government intend to have steam communication with all the West India

EPITOME OF THE TIMES.

PHILADELPHIA—PENNSYLVANIA.

In the matter of Joseph M. Doran, Esq. Attorney at Law, cited before the Judges of the Criminal Court, on Saturday, to show cause why he should not be stricken from the roll of attorneys thereto practising, for an alleged contempt of court, Judge Conrad, in an eloquent and impressive paper which he read to the bar, animadverted strongly upon the want of respect occasionally displayed by the bar to the bench, and concluded by dismissing the matter, and retaining Mr. Doran in his place and honors.

Escape from Moyamensing Prison.—John Dupuy, one of the burglars lately arrested and placed in Moyamensing prison to await his trial, made his escape therefrom on Thursday night last. The manner in which he effected it is strange in mystery, and the only way in which it can be accounted for, is that the turnkey neglected to lock his cell, by which means he slipped out unperceived, and being in citizen's dress, he passed the watchmen and outer door keeper without their suspicions that he was a prisoner. Although diligent search has been made for him by the police and the officers attached to the prison, no tidings had been obtained of him up to last evening.—*N. American.*

A Beautiful Improvement.—The three squares between Ninth and Twelfth, and Spruce and Pine streets, which but two or three years since were a common nuisance, now bid fair to be an ornament to Philadelphia. Clinton street, running from Ninth to Eleventh, between Spruce and Pine, will soon be as handsome a street, for its length, as we have in the city. The First Congregational Church, John Todd, pastor, erected an edifice in Tenth street, Spruce, on one side, and Pine, and by the beautiful buildings that are now being erected on all sides of it, it would seem as though the church were building a city for themselves.

The Artists' Fund Hall.—This building has been commenced on the lot in front of the Academy of Fine Arts, in Chesnut street, above Tenth. It is expected to be finished next spring, if the usual fall exhibitions will be postponed a season.

Serious Charge.—Captain John Young, of the Marque Clarence, has been bound over before Norman Tarr, in five thousand dollars bail, to answer in the next U. S. District Court to the charge of manslaughter, in having caused the death of one of his crew, named Francis, by violently beating him at different times on the voyage from New Orleans to this port.—*National Gazette.*

It is believed to be a malicious prosecution.—*N. E. Post.*

Fatal Accident.—On Monday last, a lad about 12 years of age shot himself accidentally at Tinicum Ferry, whilst engaged in gunning. He had been in the swamp, and when out of it to cool his heat, he jarred it to such an extent that the gun, which was lying across the seats, went off. The whole load entered his body, and he expired shortly afterward. His name is Dick Ball, and his father, we understand, is a watchman at one of our banks.

Forgery.—On Wednesday morning, a respectable looking man, presented a check for $2700, purporting to be drawn by one merchant of this city, and endorsed by another, at the Mechanics' Bank, where it was paid. Shortly after, the signatures were discovered to be forgeries. The offender has not yet been arrested.—*Inquirer.*

A Villainous Act.—The Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Intelligencer says a most villainous act was lately perpetrated on the line of the Reading Railroad, near Hamburg. A volunteer company, belonging to Hamburg, quelled one, and several of the rioters.

The Cholera Morbus and dysentery are said to have been prevailing with great malignity in Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, Pa. Four persons belonging to one family died in one day.

NEW YORK.

The Great Western steamer of the Lakes, the pride of the West, and just built, had all her upworks destroyed by fire while at the wharf at Detroit on Sunday last. The hull is sound, and the engine uninjured. She will be repaired immediately. She had been on a trip to the Upper Lakes, and returning caught fire while being Lake St. Clair. It was extinguished before burnt out again. Most of the passengers lost their baggage. One gentleman from New Orleans was much burned. Very few articles of value were saved. She cost $100,000.

Lord Tomes.—The New York Courier & Enquirer says:—"The times may be very bad in New York; they no doubt are—but at any rate the Theatres do not feel their effects. They were filled last night to overflowing—even the gallery, with its immense space, and Niblo's, at the close of a most successful season. The following is a calculation of the probable receipts, which we think will not vary much from the truth:—Park, $1200; Bowery, $1650; National, $700; and Niblo's $1000."

A Fancy Stock.—The Delaware and Hudson Canal, is one of the stocks on the fancy list at New York, and serves as a foot ball for the brokers. The capital of the company is $1,315,000. It has been a losing concern for the seven years it has been in operation; having sunk $100,000 year in its coal mining business, a part only of which has been made up by canal tolls and income of other kinds. Its business is, however, believed to be improving.

The N. Y. Commercial states that the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church have chartered a vessel, which will sail the 1st of September, with 50 passengers, all connected with the Oregon Territory mission.

Western Produce.—One ship and two brigs recently arrived at Buffalo from Chicago and Michigan City. One of the brigs had a full cargo on board, and the other two respectively brought 3500 bushels of corn, 5000 bushels of wheat, 5500 bushels of corn, 325 bbls. of pork, and 1500 bbls. the flour was from St. Josephs, (Michigan) and the wheat and corn principally the produce of Indiana.

Escape of Convicts.—Three prisoners effected their escape from the Penitentiary at Blackwell's Island, on Saturday afternoon, by getting possession of a boat and rowing across to Long Island. They were discovered by means of the cable, whose musket burst, by which he lost the thumb and three fingers of his left hand.

We learn from the Courier and Enquirer, that Webb, senior editor of that paper, has gone to Cooperstown, to defend himself in an indictment sought against him by Mr. "J. Fenimore Cooper," author of Precaution, The Monikins, and a Letter to his Countrymen. It is a beautiful time of day, to be sure, for the editor of a newspaper to be hunted in this way. A newspaper which has done nothing under heaven but to express in a perfectly fair criticism, what ninety-nine out of a hundred of every man and woman in the country, side to read, believes. If "liberty of the press" is really becoming a vicious boon in this our blessed land. Mr. Jordan of this city, is Mr. Webb's principal counsel and we are very much mistaken if he is not cause of very sore aches to Mr. J. Fenimore Cooper, before the business is through with.—*N. Y. Gaz.*

Enlisting Soldier Discharged.—The Recorder of New York discharged a young man named Daniel Haley from the Marine service of the United States on Friday last, on the ground that he had enlisted without the consent of his father.

Sch. Weather.—Monday, in New York, was one of the most sultry days had this season. The mercury was at 86 degrees in the middle of the day, and at 6 o'clock in the evening it had gone to 78.

Lottery Tickets.—A man named Joseph Paine has been found guilty, at the New York Sessions, of selling lottery numbers, contrary to the laws of that State.

The Deaths in New York, for the week ending July 7th, were 196.

EASTERN.

Singular Death.—In Ashburnham, Mass., on Gipson, aged 60, while engaged in felling a tree, met death in a very sudden and unexpected manner. He had cut the tree almost off at the root, and judging it not safe to stand near it, he went of a considerable distance before it fell, but the tree, by falling against other dead one which stood not far distant from it, glanced off precisely in the same direction in which he ran. He had almost reached the top of the tree, when it struck him with the violence, forced him to the earth and killed him.

Odd Cute Trick.—An expedient was resorted to a few nights since, to obtain a berth on board one of our coasting packets, which deserves record. Night came on, and it was found that the number of berths multiplied by two was not equal to the whole number of passengers. Of course the deck and cabin floor caught the lot, almost that did not turn in soon after night-fall. About midnight, those on deck thought it time for a little in the affairs of men, which taking in the flood should lead them on" to more comfortable quarters. One of the number ran softly to the gangway and roared out lustily—"Man overboard." This is like a cry of fire on land, and the deck was soon covered with half naked men prompt to the rescue. Their anxiety was dispelled just in season to learn that every man's berth was snugly packed with a deck passenger. The rudeness of the joke filled all rising indignation.—*Barre Gazette.*

Spartan Cape Cod.—We learn from the Barnstable Patriot that a *flock of black fish*, some of them twenty feet long, were lately discovered near the shore at North Dennis, on the Cape. The alarm was given, and the whole posse were surrounded by boats and driven into shallow water in the harbor, when the work of death commenced. They were attacked by the hardy fishermen armed with lances and knives, and led on by Henry Hall, who first discovered them, and who is now four score years of age—but who was as active in capturing and killing them as any of the boys. The fish killed were worth twenty dollars a piece, on an average!

A Great Gun.—A gun was recently cast at Alger's Foundry, at South Boston, which is supposed to be the largest ever cast in America. It is similar to those used by the French in their attack upon Vera Cruz, and will carry a ball weighing one hundred and sixty pounds, and when ready for use, will weigh ten tons.

Paying for Immediate's Driving.—In the Boston Common Pleas last week, two gentlemen of Boston, named Hancock and Bartlett, were mulcted in $375 damages for driving over a lady in Court street, while riding in a gig, about nine months since.

The Prize Essay.—The Boston Committee appointed to examine the Essays upon the best system of Common School Education, presented for the prize of five hundred dollars offered by the American Institute of Instruction, have been unable to complete the examination in season to designate the successful competitor at the time proposed—the recent annual meeting of the Institute. A delay of a few weeks may be necessary, when the result will be announced.

The Jubilee at Cape Cod was a wonderful affair. Such an outpouring of the generation of fishermen and their kinfolk never was seen on this sea-beaten promontory, whence some of the best of New England's blood claims parentage. Dr. Palfrey's oration was two hours long, and most learned and eloquent. Fifteen hundred ladies and gentlemen dined under the pavilion. They marched in procession to music. Governor Everett and others made speeches.

One of the Africans of the Armistad, named Antonio Sisset, died on Wednesday night week in prison. He was brought to New Haven in a feeble state, and was one of the leaders in the revolt. Several Africans of the Congo tribe, who visited the crew of the Armistad for the purpose of conversing with them and ascertaining their story, were unable to communicate with them, as the crew belong to the Mandingo nation.

Extravagant Love of Dress.—The monthly list of prisoners in Boston jail shows at this time but ten debtors; of these, six are at the suit of their tailors.

WESTERN.

Caution to Eaters of Tomato Pills.—The Maumee (Ohio) Express has this significant paragraph, which we commend to the patronizers of mercurials:

We are told that a gentleman up the river lately got salivated by eating tomatoes. Tomato sore mouths are getting to be very common since tomato pills have come in fashion.

Audacious Theft.—Under this head, it is stated in the Chillicothe (Ohio) Gazette, that Messrs. Carlisle, of that city, in opening sundry boxes of merchandise, received from N. York, by way of the Erie Canal and the lake, discovered that several of them had NORAH AND NINEVEH the transit, of a part of their most valuable contents—such as laces, gloves, &c. to the amount of several hundreds of dollars. The boxes, it appears, had been ingeniously opened at the bottom, and closed in such manner as to defy detection before they might be emptied with the invoice in hand.

This is not the first time in which we have had accounts of such depredation being committed on the passage of goods to the west. It is to be hoped that a most rigid and searching scrutiny will be instituted, to the end that the "*spoilers*" may be discovered and punished as they deserve—that is, to the full extent of the law.

The Cincinnati Republican notices a rumor that the State of Indiana has recently lost a very large sum of money by her Fund Commissioners, through the agency of a broker in the east. Report says, the Fund Commissioners placed bonds of the state to the amount of $1,000,000 in the hands of a broker, signed and executed, and the broker was to obtain the funds. It seems he did so and failed, and left the Fund Commissioners an empty bag to hold.

Grist Mills.—There are about two hundred grist mills in Michigan to grind up their fine wheat crops.

Another Slave Murder.—Tabitha O'Neal, of Gibent, Ind. was horribly butchered by one of her slaves a couple of weeks since. The wretch literally hacked her to pieces with a sharp wood axe. He was secured.

He will doubtless be committed, and will suffer justly. But we ask by what authority slaves are held in Indiana? By the ordinance of 1787, under which the North Western Territory was ceded to the United States by Virginia, slavery and involuntary servitude were forever prohibited in that territory.—*Herald.*

Breach of Promise.—Our readers probably recollect that a Miss Washburn obtained a verdict of $1000 in the Huron Common Pleas, against an unfaithful swain by the name of Wells, and that the lady offered to relinquish all but $300 of the judgment. Wells thought even that sum and costs too much for his broken promises, and appealed to the Supreme Court. At the last term in Huron county, the case was disposed of, and a verdict of $600 damages was awarded to Miss W. Wells is abundantly able to pay, though judgment and costs amount to some $1800, and if the lady relents the time, she deserves never to be more than half courted hereafter.—*Cleveland Herald.*

SOUTHERN.

Free Negroes in Alabama.—By a law of the last sessions of the Alabama legislature, all the free persons of color who remain in the State after the first of August next, are liable to be enslaved.

Large Reward.—The citizens of Nashville, Tenn. have joined with the Mayor of the city, and Governor of the State, and have offered a reward of one thousand and seventy-seven dollars for the apprehension of Wm. G. Harrison, who murdered William Sandy in that city a short time since. And in addition, a committee of the citizens have in their hands three hundred and thirty seven dollars for the purpose of defraying expenses. It is hardly probable that the murderer has made his way in this direction, but it would be well enough for our police to keep a look out.

An Excuse.—A Southern paper failed to make its appearance at the usual hour, and the editor thus apologizes:—

"And while we are at it, we may as well tell the whole story—our Devil did not take such an over-dose of Dr. Champaigne's Drops, as to keep his brain 'topsy turvy' for three or four days—but it is generally believed that the publisher did—which is the same thing,' in Hades."

The white lead poisoning story from Florida, is reported to be false. Not a soldier died; and the deaths of Captain Mitchell and Lieutenant Pew, were from "high bilious fevers."

Several lawless young men, of Baltimore, went to a camp meeting which was held in the neighborhood, and outraged the feeling of the persons their worshipping by their riotous conduct. One of them, named Ridgely, afterward quarrelled with Mr. Nimrod Owens, at Frederick, and stabbed him in several places with a bowie knife. He was held to bail in $1000. Such a fellow ought to have been committed to prison.

Assassination.—The Tuscumbia Alabamian states that on the 17th ult. about dusk, the lifeless body of Colin Bishop, Esq. Post-Master at that place, was found in the street, about half a square from the Post office. A deep and broad wound, made apparently with a bowie knife, had been inflicted in the left side, penetrating the lungs, and a slight wound on the chin. The decision of a Coroner's inquest, held over the body, was that the deceased came to his death from the wound in the side; but nothing transpired, at that time, to give any clue to the assassin. On the following day a man named James M. Mitchell, a painter, who had resided in Tuscumbia for two or three years, was arrested on suspicion of having perpetrated the murder, and was committed for trial.

Unusual.—A fellow in Apalachicola advertises that he has left his wife and family on account of their misconduct, and forbids any person from trusting them, as he will pay no debts of their contracting. Does he think by this means to avoid paying debts which his wife has contracted for necessaries? If he does, he may be mistaken.

Signs of the Times.—The Baltimore Republican is a free-hive. The whole of the first, and a large portion of the last page, are filled with insolvent notices, beginning with the great letter B. So much for the patronage of the commissioners of insolvency. A paper thus filled with insolvency, is in no danger of becoming insolvent.

Murder.—The Iberville (La.) Gazette of the 24th ult. says the Captain or owner of a small trading boat was barbarously murdered on board of his craft, on Thursday night previous, while lying at Davenport's landing, supposed to have been done by one of his slaves.

Result of the canal redings in Maryland.—The troops destroyed 40 to 50 shanteen, 120 guns and pistols, and took 36 rioters prisoners. The canal laborers have still about 500 arms concealed. They use also secret passwords and countersigns. One of the German laborers attacked by the rioters, was nearly roasted alive.

A Ticklish Subject.—The editor of the Washington Metropolis says that "women are ticklish things." We expect some of the Washington beauties have been laughing at his ugly face and attempt at wit.

"Yellow Fever."—For the seven days previous to the 20th ult. there were 179 interments, from yellow fever, at the Potter's Field, Apo Orleans, and about 15 at the Protestant and Catholic cemeteries. The average deaths by the fever was 18 per day.

Professor Rogers, the eminent State geologist of Virginia, chisled great praise in one of his recent beautiful lectures; and in the Richmond town, in that State, in the midst of the romantic mountain regions he has so successfully explored. He spoke of the *Blue Ridges* as exhisiting in their marine petrifactions, &c. veritable evidence that this back bone of our country was once the shore of that vast ocean that rolled onward to the Rocky Mountains. The same event which has dried that ocean, brought up to within accessible reach the edges of those strata which furnish the rich metals of the State. The discourse was eloquent as it was profound.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Strike him off the Rolls.—A south-western paper has stricken another paper of its exchange list, for a want of the proper courtesy which should exist among editors. If this were done in all cases where such want of courtesy is discovered, how many party political papers would be left in the country?

The Poles.—The land granted years ago by Congress to the Polish refugees, has never been surveyed, and so the grantees have never been put into possession.

To preserve Bees from Moths.—Place at the mouth of the hive, indigo, tobacco, or a fine powder—as the bee passes over it, a portion will adhere to his feet, and be carried into the hive. The indigo will be agreeable to the bees, but poisonous to the moth.

The English packet arrived at Havana from Vera Cruz last, on the voyage, a number of her officers and crew by yellow fever. She had on board $1,300,000 in specie for the Bank of England.

A Cat Story.—An English paper says that a man was recently fined forty shillings for being off a cat's tail. The New York Era asks if it would not have been better to have given him the cat itself.

Infamous.—The Journal of Commerce says that twenty-three vessels, under the American Flag, have sailed from Havana for the coast of Africa, to engage in the slave trade. Three or four Gun Brigs or schooners should be constant ly on that coast, and intercept and send in every vessel in engaged in that shameful traffic.

THE PHILADELPHIA NAVY YARD.

The ship carpenters have been actively engaged at our Navy Yard for some weeks. This, at least, is a subject of congratulation, as there is no class in the community that can be said to be more useful, industrious or patriotic. The enterprising superintendent, Mr. Lenthall, is busy as a sailor. Among the vessels now in progress, we may mention a steam frigate, the keel of which is laid. Her length is 205 feet, her stern and stem posts are nearly ready for raising, and a number of her floors are also ready. Also, a sloop of war, rating 16 guns. She will be launched in the course of the present month. The U. S. schooner Enterprise has been repaired or rebitted, and is now getting prepared for a cruise. The U. S. schooner Experiment is being fitted out for a receiving ship. These, be it remembered, are in addition to the large vessel of war under cover, which is the greater proportion of the work of which was completed a long time ago. The Philadelphia shipwrights are among the best in the Union, and should always be kept employed. The vessels they have turned out from time to time, have excited admiration in many sections of the European world.—*Inquirer.*

Office of the Norfolk Beacon, Sept. 10.

SHIPWRECK AND LOSS OF LIFE.

Captain Nelson, late of the schr. Protector, of and from Philadelphia, arrived on Monday evening, and communicated the loss of his vessel. He sailed from Philadelphia with a cargo of coal, bound to Washington City, and encountered the late gale, in which he lost flying jib and foresail and split the mainsail badly; and also lost deck load—being to the southward of the Capes he bore away for Ocracoke inlet, and procured a pilot on board at 5 P. M. last inst. and in one or two hours after the vessel struck on Jarvis and Brown Shoal at the entrance of Ocracoke—wind fresh from N. E. During the night the wind blew heavy from the same quarter, and the sea breaking over the vessel with so much violence that the boat with every moveable article was swept from the deck, and in fifteen minutes after the vessel filled with water.

The crew remained in the rigging until 9 P. M. the next day when the schr. went to pieces, and the crew were compelled to abandon her, all of them having lost by the exposure and almost exhausted, except ABRAHAM SIMPKINS, of Philadelphia, who was drowned. He has left a wife in Philadelphia. Nothing has been saved from the vessel.

Captain Nelson also informs us that the schr. —, Capt. Decker, of Staten Island, laden with Naval stores, is also ashore there sunk, having previously swept away her masts, besides a number of others not recollected.

DAVID PAUL BROWN, ESQ.

The Travelling Correspondent of the New York American, who has been making a short visit in Pennsylvania, thus speaks of a warm hearted and gifted Philadelphian:

As we approached the city, the cars took up David Paul Brown, Esq. who was returning from a short professional tour in the country. He entertained us with witty anecdotes about the bench and the bar, and with maccabau from a spacious gold snuff-box; both proffered with his own peculiar grace. Have you ever heard Mr. Brown in the forum, or at the festive board? How he dazzles! Others may excel him in compactness of logic, grandeur of conception, strength of diction, and chasteness of imagination; but what fervid sentences arachose, glistening at every angle, and glowing with perfect! Though his unaided reasoning powers would not enable him to cope with John Sergeant in a close and sustained argument, yet, his acuteness—his tact at happy hits—his skill in extricating from a dilemma with such a luminous and plausible manner as to bewilder the beholder—his fervor in defending the strong points of his case, making them the heights from which to fire hot shot upon the weak outworks of the enemy, coupled with his irresistible assault on the risibilities and sympathies of a jury, make him a strong man to manage a desperate cause. Versed in the classics, and a thorough student of human nature, he is often employed to deliver orations on select occasions, and to address popular assemblages of his fellow citizens. Then he shines out unclouded.

SOMETHING NOVEL, TO SAY THE LEAST.

The Army and Navy Chronicle states that Lieutenants Eustis, H. S. Turner, and P. Kearney, have been ordered to France, to study and examine into the French and other European systems of cavalry tactics.

We were always under the impression that our countrymen were first rate horsemen, and as to the employment of cavalry, we believed our nation can come near us in that species of troops. *Mounted Rangers* with carbines, peculiar to our Indian warfare, and which did such execution at *Frenchtown* under Gen. Harrison, in the Seminole war under Gen. Jackson, and more especially in the recent conflicts of the same species of American troops in the late battles of the Texans with the Indians. It is, however, the fashion, to have our countrymen doing homage to royal courts abroad.

A Dear Hand—Singular Application of the Power of Steam.—We have heard of boots being blacked, clothes washed, love-letters written, and butter churned, by the application of steam, but we never before heard of a deer being caught by the same omnipotent agent. The Naomi, on her late passage down the Mississippi, encountered a fine large buck swimming in the middle of the river, and immediately gave chase. Having soon came up with the enemy, she rounded to and threw out grappling irons; but the deer letting out a reef in his topsails, scudded away from their reach. Now commenced a regular and interesting trial of skill. The deer doubled and tacked with the skill of an old privateer, but the steamboat was "there," at every turn. At length, the deer, wearied with his exertions, and dismayed at his persevering adversary, surrendered himself an unconditional prisoner, and was treated with great honor and attention at a public dinner given on board the boat next day.—*St. Louis Bulletin.*

A SERVICEABLE TOBACCO-BOX.

In an article in the last number of the Boston Surgical and Medical Journal on the "Tobacco question"—from the pen of Dr. Dowe of Belfast, the following description of an interesting case is given where life was prolonged by the use of tobacco:

At the ever memorable battle of Bennington, there stood in the ranks a New Hampshire militia man, by the name of Jonathan Wheeler. This Jonathan was a man of Herculean strength, with red, bushy hair, a peculiar squint of the eye, and with fighting propensities strongly developed; he was, moreover, a dead shot, cool, deliberate and calculating. He was prepared for action; in his cartridge-box were 24 rounds of ball cartridges; in his canteen, a pint of potato-whiskey; in his breeches pocket, an iron tobacco-box of ample dimensions, which had once belonged to his grand father, old Adonijah Wheeler, of Scatiaugo. When the heat of the battle was over, and Jonathan found time to take a quid of the tranquillizing weed, upon drawing the box from his pocket, he found, with astonishment unutterable, the identation of a musket ball upon the lid. His trusty box had received the charge of some sharp shooter, and in all probability prolonged the life of as brave a fellow as ever swung a knapsack!

From the Washington (N. C) Republican.

STORM ON THE COAST.

The following appalling account is by a gentleman who was on the spot, and beheld the scene which he describes:—

Our coast has recently been visited by a storm more violent perhaps than any heretofore known. On Monday evening, 29th ult. the roaring of the surf gave evidence to the practised ear of approaching danger; while a clear sky and southern breezes served but to lull suspicion in the hearts of those who confide to such treacherous omens. By Wednesday, at noon, the whole coast seemed to tremble under the ocean's surge. The wind then changed to east-northeast, gradually increasing, and, by Thursday morning, it blew with tremendous violence.

As night shut in, the storm increased, filling the sounds and rivers with water from the sea, and threatening destruction to every obstacle that offered to impede its progress. By midnight the scene in Portsmouth or elsewhere was fearful and grand in the extreme. The wind having changed to north-north-west, blew with unabated fury, driving the angry waters from the sound completely over the island, with a force that defies description. The rain fell in torrents; and the wind, lifting the waters up, swept them onward, apparently in sheets, that were snow-drift water. The awful roaring of the elements resembled a continual peal of deep thunder, and seemed to ring the death knell to every ear.

There were few houses upon the island where the rushing waters had not now reached the floors, which were rising and heaving within as the furious force of a door through which death stood prepared to enter. Consternation filled every breast; and during an hour when the waters seemed neither to rise nor fall, it is difficult to conjecture the feelings of those who were alive to the dangers which surrounded them. The storm having now spent its fury, the waters gradually receded; and the first sight of land cheered every heart.

At the day broke, and the gale abated, a heart-sickening sight presented itself among the shipping near the island. Vessels were sunk, ashore, capsized, dismasted, with their exhausted crews clinging to the wrecks, and by signals imploring a succor. So complete was the wreck of silently calm, boats put off, manned by the hardy pilots of the island, and brought the sufferers to shore.

Fortunately the wind backened to about north (at 12 o'clock at night) the tide then commencing ebb. The water, after remaining about one hour stationary, commenced falling gradually, and at day-light we were relieved from a state of danger and suspense you can form but a faint idea of. Had the tide commenced flood instead of ebb when the wind backened, it would have met the waters from the rivers and sounds, and stopping its progress on the island, it is the opinion of the pilots, masters of vessels, and others, that not a house would have been left standing, or a human being would have been left alive. As it was, several stores and other small buildings on the beach side, were thrown down, and others broken down, and the goods, books &c. of one nearly all destroyed. One store was swept from its foundation, and floating some distance erect, was checked by a strong fence, and when the tide fell, was found without any damage to the building, or goods on the shelves. Not even a piece of dry goods had been moved, or a piece of crockery broken. A few groceries standing on the floor were damaged.

A great many sheep and cattle were swept away and drowned. Every garden, of which there were a great number, some very good, as well as every field of corn and sweet potatoes, was entirely destroyed; every fig tree and plant of every description which was not protected or planted on the island as an experiment, which have the appearance of being seared over with a hot iron, no doubt proceeding from the continual pieces of salt water impregnated with the salt sea spray. The window-glass in the second story of my house on the side next to the sea, from which course the wind blew, is completely coated with salt. The damage to the shipping and boats, and the number of vessels in our Roads, very severe. Out of fourteen or fifteen sail, only three escaped.

Fire at St. Louis.—We learn from the St. Louis papers that a destructive fire, attended with loss of life, occurred in that city, on the 31st ult. Eight large stores, with several smaller buildings, have been entirely consumed. Four or five persons have lost by the explosion of a quantity of gunpowder. The bodies of Benjamin L. Turnbull, James Hayden, Arthur Brewer, and another, whose name is supposed to be Conway, had been dug out of the ruins shockingly mangled. It was supposed that another body was yet in the ruins. The loss is estimated at about $200,000, and the insurance at about $40,000. The powder which exploded belonged to Messrs. Blake, Tompkins & Barrett, who are deservedly censured for keeping it, in quantity, in their store, and probably their insurance may be affected by this circumstance.

DEBTORS IN LOUISIANA.

The New Orleans Louisianian says:—"There is perhaps no state of the Union in which the unfortunate debtor is so well guarded and protected as in Louisiana. So humane and judicious are our laws, that a man of the most honest man cannot be made to suffer a privation of his liberty. It is only the fraudulent debtor who can be detained in prison at the suit of creditors. A man and faithful debtor of his property is all that is required of one who is in the unlucky predicament of an inability to pay his debts. An individual in this situation, may obtain his release by a form of proceeding very simple and economical. In debts not exceeding one hundred dollars, an affidavit before a magistrate that the insolvent has no property is sufficient to authorise his discharge. When the debt exceeds one hundred dollars, then a formal petition to the court of competent jurisdiction is necessary. Accompanying the petition, must be an affidavit and a schedule, containing a statement of the debts and credits of the insolvent. Upon the presentation of the petition, the judge calls a meeting of the creditors, either in open court or before a notary, according to circumstances, and after the expiration of a certain term fixed by law, if there be no opposition on the ground of the debtor being in fraudulent intention, the insolvent obtains his discharge. This discharge does not amount to an acquittal of the debt, unless two-thirds of the creditors sign such an agreement, but it protects his person from arrest and confinement, though his future acquisitions will be liable, and may be seized for the payment of claims upon his schedule."

MEXICAN MODE OF WARFARE AGAINST THE CAMANCHE AND APACHE INDIANS.

We find in a late file of Mexican papers notice of the *junta*, or society formed in the Department of Chihuahua, on the river del Norte, for repelling the incursions of the Apaches and other Indians, and the following is the plan of action: The association of private individuals, who have subscribed a certain sum, monthly, for the maintenance of a body of two hundred men, who are to pursue the Indians and destroy them in every instance. The Indians, who are a mixed race of hundred and fifty are to be North American rullemen, and the other fifty are to be Mexicans. The command and entire direction of this force is confided to James Kirker, a German settler at the Fort Paso del Norte, on the river of that name, in latitude 32 deg. 30 min. north. He has contracted to furnish men, munitions, and provisions, for the guerilla war.

The Mexican papers complain that North American rifemen are then admitted into the territory of the Republic, and that the command is assigned to a foreigner. There can be no doubt that this force will effectively repel the Indians. Texas is much interested in this private warfare against the Camanchies and Apaches, her greatest enemies. It is rumored that the authorities of Florida propose to carry on the war against the Indians of that territory, without the intervention of the U. States troops.—*Globe.*

EXTRAORDINARY DISCOVERY.

The Chronique de Paris relates the following extraordinary scene as having taken place at the Court of Assizes. A youth about nineteen was brought to trial for having broken the window of a baker's shop, and stolen a two pound loaf.

The President.—"Why did you steal the loaf?"

Prisoner—"I was driven by hunger."

"Why did you not buy it?"

"Because I had no money."

"But you have a gold ring on your finger; why did you not sell it?"

"I am a foundling: When I was taken from the bank of a ditch, this ring was suspended from my neck by a silken cord, and I kept it in the hope of thereby discovering at least who were my parents: I cannot dispose of it."

The Procureur de Roi made a violent speech against the prisoner, who was found guilty and sentenced to imprisonment for five years. Immediately upon this a woman, more worn down by poverty than age, came forward and made the following declaration:

"Gentlemen of the Jury, twenty years ago, a young woman was seduced by a young man of the same town, who after deceiving abandoned her. Poor and distressed, she was obliged to leave her child to the care of Providence. The child has since grown up, and the woman and the seducer have grown older,—the child is poverty, the woman in poverty, and her seducer in prosperity. They are all three now in court. The child is the unfortunate prisoner whom you have just pronounced guilty, the mother is yourself, and there sits the father!" pointing to the Procureur de Roi.

A Public Sale of short horn Durhams, which arrived by the ship Napier, will take place at Pepelton on the 20th instant.

CONSPIRACY TO BURN THE PRISON.

One day last week, while the Investigating Committee were in session, a plot to burn the Mount Pleasant State Prison was discovered, which, had it been carried into effect, might have proved fatal to every inmate of the Prison. The plan of the conspirators was to fire the belfry of the prison just previous to the time of locking in the prisoners; and in the confusion that would naturally ensue, accomplish their object. A convict in one of the shops was to furnish a convict in the hall with a skeleton key, by which he could obtain access to the attics of the prison; the convict in the hall had prepared a good supply of combustible materials, and with these and a lamp he was to ascend the attic a little before night, fire them in such a manner that they would burn slowly, and then returning, leave all fast behind him.

The calculation was, that the fire would be discovered just before the men would be locked up for the night, so that in the confusion they might cut the hose of the prison engine, (as had been done in a case of fire at the Auburn prison) and with many others effect their escape. Had the whole of this diabolical plot succeeded, except that the fire should remain undiscovered until the prison was consumed, it is almost probable that nearly every man confined there, would have been smothered to death, as it would have been impossible for the Keepers to rescue them.

The fellow who was to execute the infernal deed, has confessed his guilt, and says, it was their intention, when the fire should break out, instead of assisting to extinguish the flames, to "tear down the prison—as they had done at Auburn!"—*Westchester Herald.*

NEW YORK FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of New York, contains the following statistical account of the apparatus, &c. attached to the department:

"There are (including two at the new alms house) 35 engines in good order, 6 in indifferent order, and 5 rebuilding, 24 hose carriages, with 24,600 feet of hose, two carriages building, and one rebuilding; seven hook and ladder trucks, with 41 ladders and 46 hooks; 37,000 feet of hose in good order and 300 feet of hose in ordinary, making in the whole (including 500 feet at the new alms house) 62,300 feet; also 130 buckets.

"There are at present in the department one hundred and twenty companies, of which twenty seven are not doing duty; viz: 3 engines, 1 supply, 3 hook and ladder; 2 hydrant, and 30 hose companies; none of these companies have either apparatus, hose companies or locations; the present number of men in the department is 1758, of which 269 are doing no duty."

PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM.

BENEFIT OF Mr. LOVE.

Grand Exhibition of Polyphony! and Vocal Concert!

Mr. LOVE respectfully informs his friends and the public, that his Benefit and last night of his engagement at the THEATRE, EVENING, 8 P. M. at POLLOCK'S, will on occasion be his last appearance of announcing the engagement of that Celebrated Vocalist,

MRS. WATSON,

Who will sing two of her most popular Songs, she of that distinguished Pianist, Mr. CHARLES DENMELL, fr. m London, who will introduce several popular Airs, &c.

Mr. LOVE has the satisfaction of stating that he has, with much difficulty, and at great expense, procured the services of the celebrated SOARIA AND DUPUIS, who will for one night only, on appear in Philadelphia to delay their departure in order to assist at the concert, viz:

Mr. WATSON, member of the Royal Academy of Music in London, will preside at the Piano Forte.

Part I—By the Hungarian Singers & Mrs. Watson.

GRAND VOCAL OVERTURE.—By the Hungarian Singers, to which they will introduce a national Hungarian air—Flute, Clarionet, Trombone, and Bassoon—SIGNORA DUPUIS—SIGNORE with ECHO—ANDANTE and RONDO—NATIONAL SONG, with OBLIGATO ECHO—NEW BALLAD—Mrs. WATSON—In the cage when we were Playing along time ago."

Part II—By Mr Love.

Mr. LOVE will appear for the first time in an entirely new character, in the Ballad of "THE FRIENDLY BOY OF A POLYPHONIST! Poet paying a variety of Excellent Songs and Glees, drawn from nature and illustrated at his Humorous Chamber-Concert of Mr. SHOLAGER and Miss TABITHA TOPTONGUE, after which, he will introduce his popular entertainment, entitled

LOVE IN ALL SHAPES.

To the course of which will be introduced the ZOOLOGICAL COURTSHIP, and the characters of a MOLEHEAD and Miss MATILDA MILDEW, also which the Vocal Sketch of LOVE'S LABOR LOST.

Part III—The Hungarian Singers & Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. WATSON, "When the Moon rising first Tower"—CONCERTA TE by the Hungarian Singers—GRAND DUO AL—by the Hungarian Singers—Mr. WALLACE, "Ah! Ah! Ah!"—Cinque QUARTETTE, with STACCATO ECHO—Finale.

Charge of Admission FIFTY CENTS, or five Tickets, if purchased during the day, for Two Dollars.

The museum will be closed this evening, on account of the Concert, commencing at half past 7 o'clock. Doors open at 8 o'clock. A. M. Amusement 8 minutes, children half price. jun 14-tf

HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

THE Twenty-ninth Horticultural Twenty will hold its Eleventh Exhibition in the Grand Saloon of the Philadelphia Museum, commencing on Wednesday morning, the 15th inst. 1839, to continue three days.

Doors open at 10 o'clock. A. M. Amusement 8 minutes, children half price. jun 14-tf

CASE OF SCALD.

I AM entirely opposed to giving any list of cures in public print, but feel it my duty to depart from the usual rule in this case. I refer all inclining or doubting persons to my office. A lad of about nine years of age and daughter of Mr. L. G. White, cousin of Rev. Jos. Orchard esqrs. The little girl fell down several steps, which had boiling water, just taken from the furnace, and was severely scalded, face, eyes, breast, arms, which took place on the 20th day of August, ultimo. Her brother, who was with her, ran to the house for help. Father and mother arrived, and the state of excitement attained at present, for, said the affectionate mother, she will certainly go into fits, as she is subject to them. My reply was, if that took place, I had come prepared, and would break them in less than two minutes, for I had a good fellow in a stable outhouse and begged of them to be composed. In five minutes, or less time, of or I had cured the severely injured parts, and gave the proper internal remedies, for the relief of pain, and the whole system extended, to the astonishment of all present, and I may add, of myself, for I was at a loss to account for the rapidity with which the injured parts were restored to their natural state. I now not only doubt, but challenge any person (physician or other) who is a better judge of the scalded case of a child, or what is called the Hydrophobia, to do so. I may bring it forth, if such a case is in my power, and let the people know it, I do not use the letter of the law, but I do use my own discretion and see by comparison letters, signed Antoine, &c. for testimonials letters will not be noticed, as these authors are more than likely to be in the contest.

Very respectfully,

J. HARKER, M. D.

N. W. corner of Ge. on and St. John streets.

N. B. Strange as the above may appear, it was all accomplished without mercury, opium, tobacco, or anything of the sort, and can be done again, for it is not a miracle. jun 14-tf

The West Chester Young Ladies Seminary,

In West Chester, Pennsylvania.

DR. J. W. GLOE, Principal. The third educational term in this Institution will commence on the 1st day of November next. The course of instruction in the Seminary is as thorough as any in the country, and encouraged by that in any other in the country, embracing, as it does, all the branches of a useful and highly accomplished education. The others associated with the principal stand pre-eminent in their profession.

In addition to the high literary and scientific character of the school, and its rules of discipline and order, the great accommodation in the commodious building to the young ladies who prefer a private apartment, which enhances in no slight degree the attraction—the

THE OLD

Wednesday's (this Sixteen of Little,
Which gives to all the Sunbeam.

Price the Two Cents Number.

THE ARTHUR AND DUELLISTS OF NIAGARA.

BY T. CROWDER.

An anthem, "like the sound of many waters!"
The Prophet heard it, as in wonderment visions
He lay entranced upon the cliffs of Patmos;
And wondrous there from the cataract, yet hoarse
In deep and dreadful delight—as Niagara!
Tone overbearing anthem, which has pealed,
Nor paused a moment, from the birth of ages!
And then an offering of sacred incense
From Nature's altar—(in the vapory cliffs
On which the mother bears the cradle of mists)
Has risen to heaven, well high the thousand years—
Its incense with that ever-rising chorus
Of unfathomed and white-robed waters,
How glorious in the fury of their rapture!
And still the thunder of the concerted anthem,
And still the dulcet cadence of the mists
Shall greet the far-off pilgrim's ear and eye,
Till the "great pitcher, with all that is inherited,"
Shall vanish with a crash—like Niagara's.

TWO LAST SECRETS.—A Brooklyn news paper contains the case of a young lady who has been married to five every gross of beaux in church. The last was—"Give me a kindly kiss—I'm going to leave for ever dinner."

RE-COLLECTION—The Tuesday gives the following anecdote of a collector, which is too good to be lost—"Jotted, bound up that tattered book," said a man who financed around a wagon-load in Front street, the other day, when a small lad was passed for the money. "I am very sure I paid this long ago. In Tom, cousin, to the present time, who, I remember, has invested, with an air of great assurance, "How—what do you collect the money back these times?" "Only cents," was the reply, "but I ought to collect each cent twice or twice or three times, to get paid for my trouble."

Why should authors, dramatists, and authoress, be always together? Because they all used of the pen-pen.

We know a chap in the city, whose name is so fiery that his wife can't let it into the oven, lest the kettle, and light the candle in the night when the child cries.

The following from the Boston Morning Post contains a lesson of charity and philosophy. It is a story of Lord Byron's idea, that

"Man is the spirit of conscience, whose
The circumstances seem the spirit of sense."

A FALSE TRUTH—There is a plain but solemn trial in the question on which we have spoken: "Where on earth should author voluntarily join crime, a dreadful sort of sin—it is not improbable that he would prove to be the pioneer of irresistible enterprises. Let us charitable, then, toward even those who are apparently the greatest criminals, for we know not how, after all, they may be wronged. It is no honor to ever with charity, than to join the hard risk with its reproach.

The influence of the good man comes out at death, as the results appear, in man-road, but the light not in the ashes of the wicked fantom—the influence of his example still remains, and the more elements of this world will long show the reason, the virtue and purity that in the western sky, after the sun is set, still keeps the glowing tinges of its departed orb.

DISCOURAGE MAD.—A northern editor says that he entains hopes of getting all that is owing him by his subscribers!

NEW DEPARTURE.—"Changing" is lately used to signify "owing a man for life!"

WISDOM—Hedging, speaking of the willingness of men to run their heads into a matrimonial abyss and of the manner with which they are snapped up by the wary, is, thus written:

"A spaniel loves each the fly
But leaves him of himself' apply,
So men are by themselves employed
To quit the freedom they enjoyed,
And run their necks into a noose
They'd break them after to break loose."

NOBLE SUFFERERS.—Lord Eustace was distinguished through life, for independence of principle, for its strictness, and for his reverential adherence to truth. He was universally respected, and his word was held to be greater than bonds and adopted. It might well be deeply engraved on every heart. He said, "It was the first command and counsel of youth, always to be true to my conscience, and to do what I ought, and to take the consequences to God. I shall carry with me the journey, and I trust the practice of this counsel leads to the grave. I have hitherto followed it, and have no reason to complain that obedience to it has been a temporal sacrifice. I have found it up the contrary, the road to prosperity and wealth, and I shall point it out as such to my children."

PARTNERS.—"Well sir," said Mr. Pickwick, "I should commence, sir, with a tribute to the lady." "Lady!" said the gentleman; from the—, "Yes, I should devote to my own nevertheless." "Very good," said Mr. Magnus. "Unworthiness for her only, mind sir," remarked Mr. Pickwick, "for he is that! I was not wholly unworthy, sir, I should take a brief review of my past life, and present condition. I should argue by analogy, that to my lady also I owe a very great deal, for I find, sir, that I am indebted to her for the warmth of my love and the depth of my devotion. Perhaps I might then be tempted to state to her that I should not scorn to be the plain and simple question "will you have me?"

FEMALE THEFT.—It is certainly reported and generally believed, of the sex, that, if they do not scruple to lend each other's trunks.

"You don't chew," as the toad said to the snake, when he was about to swallow him whole.

A HISTORICAL ANECDOTE.—It is said that some months before the eccentric and brutal Paul, Czar of Russia, was murdered by his subjects in his palace, he gave his eldest son, Alexander, leave to ask any favor he thought proper to request, and promise to grant it. The young Alexander, hoping that his father would not be offended, thus boldly expressed himself; "I request, sir, that any verbal order against any subject may not be put into execution, until twenty-four hours shall have elapsed." This was a severe rebuke to the tyrant, whose caprice, ill-temper, and impulsive nature usually made his word, the signal for instant death. The request was granted, and confirmed it by proclamation.

THE JUICE OF THE GRAPE A BLESSING.—An oriental traveller, writing for the New York Observer, furnishes a reason, which we have not before met with, why we point of the grape was, and still is, thought such a blessing in Palestine. He says:—"It is one of the cheapest and best articles of food, being boiled down to the consistency of thick molasses. Wine is quite a major object in the cultivation of the vine. Grapes, raisins, and the other articles just described, eaten with bread, form a large part of the diet of the peasantry. The name of the Jordan, signifies the River, which in the word used in Hebrew in the expression translated "flowing with milk and honey." With this fact before us, we see the beauty and kindness of the Deity, in his introducing his people into a land where the grape was exceedingly fruitful, far more than on the ordinary belief that it only furnished wine to abuse for, unlike and destructive exhilaration."—*Am. Temp. Union.*

A man who was in the habit of talking to himself, being asked by his wife why he did so—replied, that he liked to converse with a man of sense.

GOLD VERSUS PATRIOTISM OR BEAUTY.—A very interesting experiment was mentioned by Baron Larrey, the favorite surgeon of Napoleon, in one of the lite notices of the French Academy of Sciences. During the campaign in Egypt, this celebrated surgeon had observed, that, when the inhabitants of the country, of the higher class, were laboring under confirmed consumption, they were cured by vaccination, which it does not had leaves dreadful marks the bodies of the country applied, gold leaf over the whole surface of the body where the pustules had appeared. The grandee, a French physician, on the suggestion of Baron Larrey, employed the preservation in the case of a beautiful and proud English lady of rank laboring under one of the worst forms of this complaint. The covering of gold leaf, in the stage in which it is employed for gilding was applied to the face by the application of a little gum to make it adhere. The proud lady recovered from the disease without marks except on the extremities and the central portions of the body where the gold leaf had not been applied.

Dr. Marryat was exceedingly economic. Of him we are told—

In his latter days, when he imagined his death was near, he so lived in a Mr. A——, and although he had "You don't know me! but will you treat me as had to sleep upon?" The reply was in the affirmative; "Well, then," said he, "I shall pay on such a day, Exactly at the appointed, and if disappointed, shall not feeling Mr. A at home, he wrote a note saying, "Why do you make me a liar? I called to pay you, send for your money this evening, or I will throw it into the sewer."

The delightful game of chess, before which all others lose their diminished heads, is the well-known legacy of Persian origin, and remains in no sense, the rude game of its ancient origin. Then check! the warning of attack on the hostile monarch, is simply *Sheh-Ah!* or "King!" Though Persian gallantry has contended the question, at the expense of the etymology, by saying that "*Sheh* is *Ah-ley!*" Again, the lofty conversation of chessmen! is but the Anglo-Saxon variety of *Sheh* and "the king is dead!"

JUDICIAL JEST.—It is said that the late Chief Baron Thompson was a very facetious companion over the bottle, which he much enjoyed. At one of the Judge's dinner parties, a gentleman, who was present, a certain Dr. or any of the Church. When the clergyman rose, "I always think," said the very Rev. gent, "of Dr. Dodd, when I see a clergyman at a dinner." "Oh, no, Sir," said the Chief Baron, "it is the wrong end of the bottle!"

A THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A HAT.

The Boston News Letter tells a capital story of a dandy, from Salem, who, having lost an indifferent beaver, very patiently undertook to supply the deficiency by the purchase of a little crushed, without the hat, remained in the hat-shop, while the hatter, who had not the time to inform the wealth, of which he was possessed, the delicate were the measures of the dandy, that the old gentleman was convinced that his attention had their origin in affection, and, accordingly, he contributed much to his acquaintance. At length, the person suggested to the friend the propriety of making a will, so that his benevolence might be perpetuated by the bequeathing of a thousand dollars to the hatter, who had so well made the number his only remembered therein. Two years passing, the old gentleman died, and the hatter was called upon to pay the legacy to the young man, who, in the interval, had become a very old man